

## Statement on the Death of Millicent Fenwick

*September 16, 1992*

I was saddened to learn of the death of former Representative Millicent Fenwick of New Jersey. Mrs. Fenwick represented the highest ideals of public service: integrity, devotion to principle, and commitment to the public interest. I knew and admired her.

Mrs. Fenwick dedicated herself to New

Jersey and to the United States. Mrs. Fenwick's service as town council member, State assemblywoman, consumer affairs director, and U.S. Representative are a testimony to her devotion to her State and her country. She will be missed but also long remembered as a conscientious and effective public servant.

## White House Statement on Additional Disaster Relief For Hawaii

*September 16, 1992*

The President today announced that he will amend his September 12, 1992, declaration of a major disaster in the State of Hawaii where permitted to do so by law. He will waive State and local cost sharing requirements and allow reimbursement of 100 percent of eligible public assistance costs exceeding \$10 per capita.

The additional relief to be provided by the President is consistent with a request made by Governor John Waihee. It will be granted in response to the extraordinary damage and destruction caused by Hurricane Iniki. By waiving customary State and local cost sharing requirements, the Presi-

dent will provide maximum Federal assistance to the people of Hawaii whose lives have been so severely disrupted by this disaster.

This waiver will apply to all authorized public assistance under the law. It will provide additional help to the State in its efforts to remove debris from the disaster areas, eliminate immediate threats to public health and safety, and carry out emergency work to save lives. Assistance for temporary housing, crisis counseling, and disaster unemployment will continue to be 100 percent federally funded where allowed under the law.

## Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the President's Meeting With Lebanese-American Leaders

*September 16, 1992*

President Bush met today with a group of prominent Lebanese-Americans and His Eminence, John Cardinal O'Connor, to review the situation in Lebanon in light of the recent elections. The President reaffirmed the longstanding commitment of the United States to the unity, sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Lebanon, the dissolution of all armed militias, and the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces. Consistent with these goals, the

United States remains committed to the full and rapid implementation of both the spirit and the letter of the Taif agreement.

The President also expressed his support for steps that strengthen the Lebanese Armed Forces in its efforts to expand its national authority. The President also reiterated his belief that the ongoing negotiations between Lebanon and Israel offer the best means to bring about a secure border for the peoples of both countries. Finally,

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the President noted that he looks forward to the day when Americans can again travel in safety to Lebanon, a day which can only

come when the militias are disarmed and no longer free to threaten either Lebanese or Americans.

## Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on Russia's Withdrawal of Troops From Cuba

*September 16, 1992*

We welcome the decision by Russia to withdraw the former Soviet infantry brigade from Cuba. President Bush sought this result in discussions with President Gorbachev and, more recently, with President Yeltsin. This is further proof of the inter-

national isolation of the Castro regime from the community of nations. We remain committed to freedom and democracy being fully realized by all Cuban people and look forward to the day when Cuba joins the democracies of the Western Hemisphere.

## Remarks to the Community in Enid, Oklahoma

*September 17, 1992*

Thank you. Please be seated. Good morning, everyone, and thank—[*applause*—]—hey, let me tell you something. There's something about Enid. You really make a guy feel at home.

May I thank Don Nickles. I'll have more to say about him in just a minute. And while I'm on the subject of thanks, let me compliment Mark McCord on his introduction of Senator Nickles and getting this whole event together, all the civic clubs. And I want to thank all the leaders here on the dais joining me this morning and bring attention to several guests here. In particular, I want two to join me in the United States Congress this fall: Bob Anthony right here, you see him behind us, and Ernest Istook, running in the Fifth District; and Charles Ford for the State senate. And may I salute Mr. Grey and Mr. Divelbliss and Mr. Key and Mary Rumph, our leaders; Neva Hill; and thank you very much for your leadership, all of you back there and all of you out here, on your efforts on behalf of the Republican Party here in Oklahoma.

Let me just say a word about your Senator. I work with him closely. He has taken the lead in changing this alternative mini-

national isolation of the Castro regime from the community of nations. We remain committed to freedom and democracy being fully realized by all Cuban people and look forward to the day when Cuba joins the democracies of the Western Hemisphere.

imum tax that will help stimulate the domestic drilling business. We don't need to depend on foreign oil so much. He understands the importance of a strong defense, and I thought of that when he and I flew in on Air Force One to Vance. We must keep our country strong. Yes, we've made progress, but we've got to stay strong. He understands American agriculture and the need to sell abroad. Oklahoma sets the pace in agricultural exports. And Don Nickles is with you every inch of the way.

Now, I've come here today to the Bright Star of the Great Plains to discuss perhaps the most serious issue that Americans face this fall. This is a wonderful turnout, and politics is in the air. But today I approach this opportunity you've given me not as a rally but as a chance to discuss for the whole Nation our economic future and of the very real choices that my opponent and I offer for shaping that future. It's a serious talk, not a rally speech, and I hope you'll bear with me.

Enid is the perfect place for this discussion, for in many ways your community is a metaphor for America. Here in your history we can find the forces that have made us the world's greatest economic power.

Yesterday, as Don was reminding you,