

nary work to achieve this historic result—I salute their teammates who are with us here today as well—and also because they will remain with you to answer your questions. Some of this is very, very technical. And they know how proud I am of their work. I’ve seen them in action both here and abroad, hammering out this agreement. It’s taken a long time, but it was sound.

It’s been a long and difficult course to the result that we’ve achieved today. I recall these extensive and frequently vigorous—I’ve chosen the word carefully—discussions on agriculture and other trade issues at the economic summit that we hosted in Houston in 1990 and at each of the summits that followed. But I am now absolutely convinced that the work was well worth it. I talked to Prime Minister John Major this

morning, had an opportunity to thank him for his key role as the current President of the EC.

The next step then will be for the United States and the EC and all the other parties in the Uruguay round to return to the negotiating table in Geneva prepared to show the flexibility necessary to bring these negotiations to a successful close.

So, once again, I salute our partners in all of this. And I certainly salute our extraordinarily effective team that has been able to bring this about. And with no further ado, I will turn it over to them to take all your questions.

Note: The President spoke at 12:10 p.m. in the Briefing Room at the White House.

Statement on the Death of Roy Acuff

November 23, 1992

Barbara and I mourn the death of our long-time friend and the King of Country Music. Roy Acuff showed that America loves country music because country music loves America. He helped the Grand Ole Opry become America’s heirloom of the heart.

Roy made his Opry debut in 1938 and played it nearly every weekend. Often, Barbara and I visited him and heard Roy sing

“Great Speckled Bird” or “Wabash Cannonball.” We marveled at his talent. Even more, we cherished his kindness, modesty, love of life, and loyalty to friends.

Roy said, “I want to go down as a gentleman in country music. That’s all I care to be.” Our great and good friend achieved that goal and more. Roy Acuff leaves what for 89 years he lived, a touch of the American dream.

Remarks at the Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation Ceremony

November 24, 1992

Thank you, kids. Thank you very much. Please be seated. And let me just say I want to welcome all of you. Certainly Mr. Cuddie, who is the president of the National Turkey Federation; Stuart Proctor, the executive vice president. I want to especially welcome all the kids: From Kent Gardens Elementary, now, where are you? Hold up your—there they are, right over—this group, good. Amidon Elementary? Yep.

Holy Cross, and maybe some strays out there from other schools. Anyway, everyone is really welcome.

And of course, the special guest of honor, the bird over here. I hope you guys have seen him. After participating in this ceremony year after year, I’ve come to learn a little about the turkey. For instance, it’s hand fed. It gets lots of personal attention. And it’s over-weight and reminds me of