

Exchange With Reporters January 23, 1993

Oval Office

Q. How do you like your new office, Mr. President?

The President. I like it a lot. It's a wonderful office.

Q. Did you read the note that President Bush left for you?

The President. I did.

Q. What did that say?

The President. I think we should leave it between the two of us, but it was a very generous note and a very encouraging one.

Attorney General Nomination

Q. Mr. President, what are you doing in pursuit of a new nominee for the attorney generalship? How are you going about this?

The President. I did some work on it yesterday afternoon and had several extended conversations with people about potential nominees and gave my staff some instructions to go do some work on three or four folks.

Q. Three or four—men?

The President. Three or four people. [*Laughter*] I'm not going to say who—

Q. Have you talked to any prospective nominees directly?

Q. How's it gone so far?

The President. So far I've liked it very much.

Q. —surprises so far?

The President. We just got started, you know. I've got a lot—

Q. Will you be keeping Mr. Sessions on?

The President. I don't want to talk about—

President's Schedule

Q. What are you going to do for the rest of the day, Mr. President?

The President. Work.

Q. Not jogging?

The President. No, I'm going to go out for a jog later. And I'm going to do a little work, and I'm trying to get the house acclimated, get organized.

NOTE: The exchange began at 12:08 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Statement on the Death of Justice Thurgood Marshall January 24, 1993

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Justice Thurgood Marshall. He was a giant in the quest for human rights and equal opportunity in this century. Every American should be grate-

ful for the contributions he made as an advocate and Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

NOTE: The related proclamation is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Remarks on the Establishment of the National Economic Council and an Exchange With Reporters January 25, 1993

The President. This is the Executive order which establishes the National Economic Council and which brings into the economic policymaking of the Federal Government not just the

traditional Secretaries of Treasury, the OMB, the Council of Economic Advisers but also the Departments of Commerce, Labor, Agriculture, HUD, Transportation, Energy, EPA, as well as