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for someone in the Justice Department for a while now.

NOTE: The exchange began at 4:15 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House.

Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

March 11, 1993

Abortion Clinic Shooting

Q. Mr. President, do you have any reaction to the shooting of Dr. Gunn in Pensacola?

The President. Yes. I was outraged by it. We have got to create a climate in this country where people do not think that is acceptable. And I think that's—how could someone have thought that they could take civil disobedience and carry it one extra step? Dr. Gunn was exercising his constitutional rights. And what happened was awful.

President Boris Yeltsin of Russia

Q. [*Inaudible*—Yeltsin apparently had informed you that he plans to dissolve or may

have to dissolve the Parliament. Have you gotten word of that, and what's your reaction to it?

The President. I have had no communication from him today, or if it has, it hasn't been communicated to——

Q. Thank you.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany

Q. How about Mr. Kohl? Has Mr. Kohl called you about a summit?

The President. If he has, no one on my staff has told me he's called me today.

NOTE: The exchange began at 5:35 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Statement on the Death of Dr. David Gunn

March 11, 1993

I was saddened and angered by the fatal shooting in Pensacola yesterday of Dr. David Gunn. The violence against clinics must stop. As a nation committed to rule of law, we cannot allow violent vigilantes to restrict the rights of

American women. No person seeking medical care and no physician providing that care should have to endure harassment, threats, or intimidation.

Statement on Joint Production Venture Legislation

March 11, 1993

I want to commend Chairman Jack Brooks, Senator Pat Leahy, Chairman Joe Biden, and the bipartisan leadership of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees on the introduction today of an important new bill to help create jobs and build a more competitive, high-tech American economy. This bill, the National Cooperative Production Amendments of 1993, will

pave the way for companies large and small to pool their resources and talents in new joint production ventures. It is just the kind of forward-thinking initiative we need to drive our economy toward a decade of creative change.

We live in a world in which our competitive advantage flows more and more from our command of high technology, but in which the de-