

time.

I say that to make this point: We have gotten the maximum short-term benefits we can get now out of a very, very tough and vigorous deficit reduction program. We are going to get long-term benefits out of it. The time has come to put in the other piece to create jobs and to lay the foundation for an educated work force and for a high-technology future. And that is what the rest of this program does.

So I ask those of you who are living out there at the grassroots, in the private sector

or at the State and local level, to go make that honest policy argument in the United States Senate. We've done our work on deficit reduction. Let's do our work on investing in our people and putting them back to work, too.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:38 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. David Walters of Oklahoma, chairman, Democratic Governors Association.

## Nomination for Ambassador to France *March 23, 1993*

The President announced today his intention to nominate Pamela Harriman to be Ambassador to France.

"Anyone who has been involved with the Democratic Party for any length of time is certainly familiar with Mrs. Harriman's talent for diplomacy," said the President. "Her many years

of dedicated service to the United States and her unceasing devotion to the cause of world peace are only two of the many qualifications that she will bring with her to Paris."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

## Exchange With Reporters Prior to Discussions With Foreign Minister Andrey Kozyrev of Russia *March 24, 1993*

### *Russia*

*Q.* Will you answer a couple of questions? Do you have any reaction to what Mr. Kozyrev suggested this morning as to the future economic relations between us and Russia?

*The President.* Well, we haven't had a conversation about it yet. Let me just say that I'm delighted to have him here. I'm glad to have a firsthand account of what's going on in Russia. And I want to reaffirm my support for democracy and for reform and say I'm looking very much forward to the Vancouver summit with President Yeltsin.

*Q.* Mr. President, apparently you seem to oppose aiding Russia. What will you do to try to sell your program for Russian aid?

*The President.* Well, I would tell the American people what I've been saying for well over a year now, that it is very much in our interest

to keep Russia a democracy, to keep moving toward market reforms, and to keep moving toward reducing the nuclear threat. It will save the American people billions of dollars, in money we don't have to spend maintaining a nuclear arsenal, if we can continue to denuclearize the world. It will make the American people billions of dollars in future trade opportunities. And it will make the world a safer place. So, I think this is a good investment for America. I've always believed that. And I hope I can persuade the American people and the United States Congress that it is.

*Q.* Do you think there's still a chance for a compromise in Russia?

*The President.* That's something the Russians will have to work out among themselves. I presume there is, but that's obviously something that has to be decided by the Russian people.

The United States can't dictate that.

Q. Mr. Kozyrev, can you tell us, did the meetings go poorly this morning, because it seems as though the line was harder when they came out from those meetings?

*Foreign Minister Kozyrev.* [Inaudible]—well, I think the people will pass final judgment. As President just said, it is for Russians and Russian people to pass final judgment, and President calls for vote, popular vote. And I think this will be the decisive event. But on the—President, as always, is open to compromise where there are those political forces who are not apt

to just reverse the reform and advance the democracy.

Q. Will you support the idea of Russia joining G-7 as soon as possible?

*The President.* I wouldn't rule out or in anything particular. We're going to be dealing with a whole broad range of issues between the United States and Russia and with the G-7. And let's just see what happens.

NOTE: The exchange began at 1:10 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

## Exchange With Reporters on Russia March 24, 1993

Q. Mr. President, did you and Mr. Kozyrev reach any kind of agreement on the type of aid package that might be most helpful for Russia?

*The President.* No, we discussed what I was thinking about and what our people are working on. And I told him it would be a good and specific package, and I was looking forward to having the opportunity to discuss it with President Yeltsin.

Q. Did he give you any encouragement, sir, that the current political crisis could be resolved?

*The President.* I think he's hopeful.

Q. Any specifics as to how it might be resolved, sir?

*The President.* No, he's been here with me.

NOTE: The exchange began at 3:50 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House, prior to a meeting with members of the National Council of Churches. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

## Interview With Dan Rather of CBS News March 24, 1993

### *President's Schedule*

*Mr. Rather.* How's your golf game?

*The President.* Not very good. I've only played twice. The first time it was about 35 degrees with a whipping wind, and the second time, I had a very good second nine holes. But I haven't gotten to play very much.

*Mr. Rather.* We were talking about your sleep or lack of same over in the Oval Office. You mentioned something about a nap. Are you trying to nap these days?

*The President.* If I can take a nap, even 15 or 20 minutes in the middle of the day, it is really invigorating to me. On the days when

I'm a little short of sleep, I try to work it out so that I can sneak off and just lie down for 15 minutes, a half an hour, and it really makes all the difference in the world.

### *The White House*

*Mr. Rather.* We're in the Library now, where President Roosevelt made his fireside chats. Is this among your favorite rooms?

*The President.* I love this room. And this is a highly public room. It is actually a lending library. People who work around here can come in here and check out these books just like