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Thank you.

NOTE: The question-and-answer session began at 1:50 p.m. in the Statler Tower Building.

Nomination for Posts at the Department of Energy *May 10, 1993*

The President announced today that he intends to nominate Victor H. Reis to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs and that he has approved the appointment of Michael Gauldin to be Director of the DOE's Office of Public Affairs.

"I am very pleased to be adding these two people to the leadership of the Department of Energy," said the President. "Victor Reis is one

of our country's leading defense researchers, and Mike Gauldin has been a valuable aide to me for years. They will each play a key role in helping Secretary O'Leary to meet her goals for the Department of Energy."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Remarks and a Question-and-Answer Session With High School Students in Bensonville, Illinois *May 11, 1993*

The President. Thank you very much, Brian. Thank you, Dr. Meredith. And thank you, ladies and gentlemen. I'm glad to be here at this fine high school. I should also note before I begin that one of many reasons that I decided to come here is that this high school is the alma mater of an important member of my White House staff, Kevin O'Keefe, who graduated from Fenton High School. Where are you? Where's Kevin? Stand up. He didn't have that gray hair when he was here. I met, in addition to your principal and your superintendent, I met Charlotte Sonnenfeld on the way in here, who said she was a teacher of Kevin O'Keefe but was not responsible for him in any way. *[Laughter]*

I also want to thank a number of other people who are here, including several Members of Congress over here to my left, Bobby Rush, Luis Gutierrez, Cardiss Collins, and George Sangmeister. I think they're all here. And I want to thank Richard Dent of the Chicago Bears for coming. Stand up, Richard.

I also want to—is Michael Cruz over there? Is he here? No? Where is he? Here he is. Come here. This young man was on the President's town hall meeting with students. Did any of you see it? Did you see that? And he became

a television star because he is a good student. He goes to school in Chicago, and he said he was worried about the safety of the schools and the streets. And he asked the President to try to make all the schools safe for students in every part of America, no matter how tough the neighborhoods were. And I was really proud of him, so I invited him to come here today. I think you ought to give him a hand. *[Applause]*

I know we've got students from other schools here. Where are you, all the students from the other schools that are here?

Audience members. Boo-o-o!

The President. Hey, hey. *[Laughter]* No, no, today's the day when you're supposed to welcome them here.

I want to say how very glad I am to be back in Illinois where I met so many people who shaped the thoughts and the feelings that I carried into the Presidential campaign last year. People who asked me to fight for their families and the future of their children, to help to fix our economy, to create more jobs, to bring the terrible budget deficit down, to deal with the health care and education challenges facing America. A lot of what I learned in that campaign last year I learned from talking to