

try to buy the election, they can do whatever they want. We can't stop them, according to the Supreme Court. So the only incentive we have to get people to live within a lower campaign spending limit is to be able to give them some public funding, which I propose to do not in terms of direct money but for communications vouchers so you can only use it to overcome your disability to reach people through communications, either over television or radio or newspaper or mail. So that's how our plan would work.

But you should know that the question you asked about mandatory air time would only come up again, probably, if the public funding portion of this fails. We've got to find a way to guarantee that voters hear an honest debate at an affordable cost, the election should not be bought, and that incumbents should not be

insulated from honest debate and challenge. That's all we're trying to do.

*Mr. Rather.* Mr. President, thank you very, very much. Our thanks to Virgil Dominic, Bill Sullivan, and Allen Howard. Mr. President, we appreciate more than we can say in a short time both being on "CBS This Morning" and taking the extra time to do this. God bless you. Thank you very much. And tell Mrs. Clinton we respect her and we're pulling for her. Thank you very much.

*The President.* Thank you very much, Dan.

*Ms. Chung.* Thank you.

*The President.* Thank you, Connie. And good-bye.

NOTE: The interview began at 9:05 a.m. The President spoke via satellite from the Rose Garden at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this interview.

## Remarks on House of Representatives Action on the Budget *May 27, 1993*

For a long time now, the American people have wondered whether their Government in Washington could ever really work for them again, ever really face the tough problems. Well, tonight the House of Representatives gave America a victory of growth over gridlock. Tonight the House showed courage and conviction. Tonight the House made hard choices: to cut a quarter of a billion dollars in spending; to ask those most able to pay, the wealthy, to do more to reduce our deficit; to increase incentives to invest and create jobs in the private sector; and to provide the incentives to make people at the bottom rungs of the economy prefer work over welfare. Tonight the House said no to gridlock, no to the status quo, and no

to the special interests who worked so very hard to frighten millions of Americans about this program. Tonight the House said yes to jobs, yes to lowering the deficit, yes to lower interest rates, yes to a brighter future.

Tomorrow we go on to the Senate, and we go back to the country. We have broken the gridlock. We are taking responsibility for the future. We are dealing with the tough problems. I am very, very proud of the people who tonight cast a very tough vote in a hard environment for a better tomorrow for America.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:40 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House.

## Appointment for Posts at the Department of State *May 27, 1993*

The President today announced his intention to appoint Molly Raiser to be the State Department's Chief of Protocol. He also intends to

nominate her to the rank of Ambassador while serving in that capacity. In addition, he approved the appointment of Fred DuVal as Deputy

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Chief of Protocol.

"Molly Raiser is an outstanding individual who has worked in a variety of ways to make our Nation's Capital a better place to live and to increase the participation of women in American politics," said the President. "Along with Fred DuVal, she will do an outstanding job of ensur-

ing that the diplomatic corps and the many foreign dignitaries who come to Washington each year are given a true American welcome."

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

## Nomination for Ambassador to Canada

May 27, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate former Michigan Governor Jim Blanchard to be the U.S. Ambassador to Canada.

"Our relationship with Canada is absolutely vital," said the President. "They are our largest trading partner and one of our closest neighbors. That's why I am nominating an Ambassador in whom I place such a high degree of trust, my

good friend Jim Blanchard. With a voice that will be clearly heard in both Ottawa and Washington, he will ensure that this important relationship continues to be productive for both countries."

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

## Teleconference Remarks With Veterans in VA Medical Centers

May 28, 1993

*The President.* Vincent Mauro, are you there?

*Vincent Mauro.* Yes. My name is Vincent Mauro from Philadelphia Nursing Home Care Unit.

*The President.* And is Eugene Young there?

*Eugene Young.* Yes, I'm here at Bronx VA Nursing Home Unit.

*The President.* It's good to hear all your voices. I'm here with Vice President Gore and with Hershel Gober who is the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. And as we move into Memorial Day weekend, we just wanted you to know and all veterans like you in hospitals all across America that we're thinking about you, pulling for you. We know you wish you could be home and able to participate in the Memorial Day services. But we're very, very excited about the fact that you have these phones in your rooms now thanks to the PT Phone Home Project.

And I want to say a special word of thanks to Frank Dosio who came up with this idea and to all the people who worked on it: Bell

Atlantic, C&P Telephone, NYNEX, and especially the workers, the Communication Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. There have been a lot of people who worked on this project, and we wanted to highlight that by talking to you three this morning.

And we thought it was an especially good time to do it as we head into Memorial Day. And I have a few notes about you guys. I know more about you than you know about me now. *[Laughter]* I wanted to say a special word of thanks to all of you. And Mr. Young, I understand you have a couple of sons in the service.

*Mr. Young.* Yes, I do, sir.

*The President.* And you ought to be able to talk to them more frequently now. Where are they?

*Mr. Young.* One, Korea; the other one in Italy in the Army, sir.

*The President.* Good for you. And you have a third child in college?

*Mr. Young.* Yes, Queens College.