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section C that requires, among other things, localities to use Title XX grants (1) in accordance with the strategic plans approved by the Secretaries of HUD and Agriculture, (2) for activities that directly benefit the residents within the designated empowerment zones and enterprise communities, and (3) to promote economic independence for low-income families and individuals.

With the Board members' commitment to achieving community empowerment and to providing our local communities with a single Federal forum, we will be able to assist distressed communities and American families all across urban and rural America in obtaining economic self-sufficiency.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

Message on the Observance of Rosh Hashana, 1993 *September 9, 1993*

Rosh Hashana is a time of reflection and hope—thoughtful reflection on the year just past and hope for a good year to come.

The days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are the most solemn of the Hebrew calendar. But in the midst of heartfelt repentance and prayer, it is the promise of life—the rich possibility of realizing our most compelling dreams—that inspires the soul and lifts the spirit.

The ancient customs that are handed down to each new generation in this season are re-

mindings of life's enduring sweetness and its perpetual renewal. The Jewish people celebrate Rosh Hashana above all as a time to rejoice in God for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for again enabling us to reach this season.

May this holiday season be filled with good health and happiness for you and your families, and may the year ahead be one of peace for the people of the United States, Israel, and all the world.

Best wishes for a wonderful New Year.

BILL CLINTON

Nomination for a United States Tax Court Judge *September 9, 1993*

The President announced today that he has nominated Judge Herbert L. Chabot to continue as a judge on the United States Tax Court. Chabot has served on that court since 1978.

"Judge Chabot's service on the Tax Court for the past 15 years has been commendable," said

the President. "I am pleased that he has accepted my nomination to remain on the bench."

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

Nomination for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation *September 9, 1993*

The President named his choices today for four positions on the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency, announcing that he has nominated Gordon

Giffin to serve on that Board and that he intends to nominate John Chrystal, George J. Kourpias, and Lottie Shackelford.

"These nominations will strengthen this important foreign assistance Agency," said the President. "I look to these four individuals to provide leadership in helping American businesses compete more effectively overseas."

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

Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With Congressional Leaders September 10, 1993

Israeli-Palestinian Declaration

Q. Mr. President, are you going to invite Arafat and Rabin to the ceremonies on Monday?

The President. The parties will decide, as they've made all the other decisions, who will come to the ceremony. Whatever their decision is is fine with me.

Q. Can you give us an idea of what the United States is prepared to do to help this agreement work?

The President. I'll be talking a little more about that later, and I'll have a statement as soon as this meeting is over. I want to talk to the Members here about it first.

Q. Well, can you give us an idea of what this meeting is all about?

The President. Well, we're going to brief them on—the Secretary of State and I are—about, obviously, our strong support for the agreement, what America's responsibilities will be, what our allies and friends around the world are interested in doing about it, and where we go from here.

NOTE: The exchange began at 9:18 a.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Remarks on the Israeli-Palestinian Declaration of Principles and an Exchange With Reporters September 10, 1993

The President. Ladies and gentlemen, today marks a shining moment of hope for the people of the Middle East and, indeed, of the entire world. The Israelis and the Palestinians have now agreed upon a declaration of principles on interim self-government that opens the door to a comprehensive and lasting settlement.

This declaration represents an historic and honorable compromise between two peoples who have been locked in a bloody struggle for almost a century. Too many have suffered for too long. The agreement is a bold breakthrough. The Palestinian Liberation Organization openly and unequivocally has renounced the use of violence and has pledged to live in peace with Israel. Israel, in turn, has announced its recognition of the PLO.

I want to express my congratulations and praise for the courage and the vision displayed by the Israeli and Palestinian leadership and for the crucially helpful role played by Norway.

For too long the history of the Middle East has been defined in terms of violence and bloodshed. Today marks the dawning of a new era. Now there is an opportunity to define the future of the Middle East in terms of reconciliation and coexistence and the opportunities that children growing up there will have whether they are Israeli or Palestinian.

I want to express the full support of the United States for this dramatic and promising step. For more than a quarter of a century our Nation has been directly engaged in efforts to resolve the Middle East conflict. We have done so because it reflects our finest values and our deepest interests, our interests in a stable Middle East where Israelis and Arabs can live together in harmony and develop the potential of their region, which is tremendous. From Camp David to Madrid to the signing ceremony that will