

less satisfactory than if we take steps. And finally, let me say, we have to overcome the disbelief in America. A lot of folks don't think we can do this, but that's what they said when Social Security came in. People said we couldn't do it, but we did it.

I hold this health security card up all the time, but you just think, if everybody had a

Social Security card and a health security card, what a better country this would be and how much better life would be for all the American people.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:50 a.m. at Dr. Paul Carlson Memorial Park.

## Statement on the Arts and Humanities Awards Recipients *October 5, 1993*

These extraordinary individuals have made a gift to American cultural life that is beyond measure. Through these awards we celebrate their impressive achievements and extend our deepest thanks for efforts that nourish our creative and intellectual spirit.

NOTE: The President's statement was included in a White House statement announcing the awards ceremony for the National Medal of Arts and the Charles Frankel Prize scheduled for October 7.

Named by the President as 1993 National Medal of Arts recipients were:

Walter and Leonore Annenberg, arts patrons, Wynnefield, PA  
Cabell "Cab" Calloway, singer and bandleader, White Plains, NY  
Ray Charles, singer and musician, Los Angeles, CA  
Bess Lomax Hawes, folklorist, Arlington, VA  
Stanley Kunitz, poet, editor, and educator, NY, NY/Provincetown, MA  
Robert Merrill, baritone, New Rochelle, NY  
Arthur Miller, playwright and author, New York, NY

Robert Rauschenberg, artist, Captiva Island, FL  
Lloyd Richards, theatrical director, New York, NY  
William Styron, author, Vineyard Haven, MA  
Paul Taylor, dancer and choreographer, New York, NY  
Billy Wilder, movie director, writer, and producer, Hollywood, CA

Winners of the Charles Frankel Prize for their work in the humanities were:

Richard E. Alegria, anthropologist, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
John Hope Franklin, historian, Durham, NC  
Hanna Holborn Gray, former University of Chicago president, Chicago, IL  
Andrew Heiskell, philanthropist, New York, NY  
Laurel T. Ulrich, author and historian, Durham, NH

Biographies of the recipients were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

## Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's Telephone Conversation With President Boris Yeltsin of Russia *October 5, 1993*

The President called President Yeltsin today from Air Force One to discuss the situation in Moscow. The two leaders spoke for 20 minutes. The President's purpose in calling was to express the continued, strong support of the

United States for President Yeltsin and the Russian Government in the wake of the political crisis in Russia.

President Yeltsin thanked the President for his support during the crisis and described the