

Nomination for the National Labor Relations Board *February 3, 1994*

The President announced his intention today to nominate Charles I. Cohen to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

“Charles Cohen is a respected attorney with years of experience on the NLRB staff. I believe

he will be an effective member of the Board,” said the President.

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

Memorandum on Lifting the Trade Embargo on Vietnam *February 3, 1994*

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce

Subject: Lifting of the Embargo Against Vietnam

I hereby direct the Secretary of the Treasury to take all appropriate actions to authorize prospectively all trade and financial dealings with Vietnam, and the Secretary of Commerce to exempt Vietnam from existing controls implementing the embargo. Vietnamese assets in the United States or within the possession or control

of persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction and that are now blocked should remain blocked until further notice.

In discharging these responsibilities, you are directed to consult with the heads of other Executive departments and agencies as may be appropriate.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

NOTE: This memorandum was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on February 4.

Statement on the Observance of National African-American History Month *February 4, 1994*

I want to extend my greetings to all of you who are celebrating African-American History Month during this important time of renewal and reflection for our country.

America was founded on the principle that we're all created equal, and this solemn commitment to tolerance and freedom must continue to bind us as a nation. Our diverse culture enriches and broadens the American experience of which African-American heritage is an inseparable part. It weaves throughout our country's history, profoundly influencing every aspect of our national life.

We've come a long way since the days when white-only and colored-only signs disfigured our country's landscape and demeaned too many of our citizens. African-Americans have made great strides in recent years, commanding leadership

positions in the public and private sectors in record numbers. Opportunities for education advancement, election, and mobility continue to expand among black Americans, and our country's moving ever closer to fulfilling its fundamental promise of equality for all.

Yet the truth is, many problems continue to plague our communities, tarnishing that ideal of equality because they affect African-Americans more adversely than the rest of us. The poverty, the drugs, the violence that afflict too many of our people in our communities, of all races and backgrounds, have severely harmed black children, women, and men, threatening our vision of a better world.

Throughout this month, we look to the lessons of our past for solutions to these crises, in the hope of building a brighter world for the future.