

Remarks to the NCAA Football Champion Florida State University
Seminoles
February 10, 1994

The President. Thank you very much. Please be seated.

I told Coach Bowden that we're about the same size, and I asked why I wasn't invited to play. [Laughter]

Bobby Bowden. You've got to talk to that man right there.

The President. I think it's what you can't see under the suit. [Laughter] Either one of them.

It is a great honor for me as an ardent football fan to welcome the Florida State University football team and the entire FSU football family here today. I want to extend a special thanks to those who made this possible, including the Florida State University president and my long-time friend, Sandy D'Alemberte; interim president Dr. Bernard Sliger—where are you? Bernie, how are you?—who once got me in trouble several years ago by taking me to a music club and making me play with some of his friends; athletic director Bob Goin; and Senator Graham; Senator Mack; Congressman Bacchus; Congressman Hutto; Congressman Peterson; my longtime friend Bud Stack; and many others.

Let me first of all congratulate Florida State on a dream season: a 12-and-1 record, undefeated in its conference; a comeback victory in the Orange Bowl against a remarkable effort by Nebraska; and best of all, its first ever and much deserved national football championship.

I know Coach Bowden has been chasing that championship dream for a long time, and I know that he tells a story on the subject that, for the benefit of the national audience, I hope he won't mind my repeating.

It seems that sometime in the distant future, his sons, Terry and Tommy, arrive together at the Pearly Gates, and they're startled to find that their name is not on the register. So Saint Peter tells Terry and Tommy they'll have to take the elevator down to the other place. When the elevator opens at the bottom, instead of fire and flame, they're shocked to find bitter cold, icicles hanging from the ceiling, the whole place frozen over, at which point Tommy turns to Terry and says, "I guess Dad finally won a national championship." [Laughter]

There have been so many years when so many people thought that the Florida State Seminoles at the end of a given season were the best team in America. It was really rewarding for those of us who follow football year-in and year-out to see this day come. But what this season really teaches is a lesson that Coach Bowden and I both understand, the power of perseverance. You and your team didn't quit when the sportswriters said you couldn't win the big one. You didn't quit after you lost a tough game to a great Notre Dame team. You didn't quit when you were trailing Nebraska with a minute and 16 seconds left on the clock in the Orange Bowl. And in the end, when everything was on the line, you believed in yourselves, you stayed together as a team, and you got the job done.

One of your teammates who isn't here with us today but I'd like to recognize, Charlie Ward, of course, won the Heisman trophy. But right now he's balancing a different kind of ball as a point guard on your basketball team. I might say that I think my basketball team from Arkansas did a pretty good job last night. I hope some of you saw it. I wish he could have been here with all of you today because he certainly earned the right to also be at the White House.

Finally, let me honor the five starters who made this year's all-academic football team in your conference: Derrick Brooks, Ken Alexander, Clifton Abraham, Richard Coes, and again, Charlie Ward. I want to say that because to be a great athlete is very important, but to be a great student athlete is especially admirable. And these five young men should all be very proud.

You have won a national championship for the first time in the history of your school. I am proud of you all. I am proud to welcome you to the White House. I know that your friends, your fans, and your families back home are proud of you, too. I am awfully glad so many of you came up here to be with these young men on this day that they richly deserve. Thank you for the example you have set, and good luck next season. Congratulations.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:16 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Florida attorney Charles R. “Bud” Stack.

Message to the Congress on Economic Sanctions Against Libya *February 10, 1994*

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby report to the Congress on the developments since my last report of July 12, 1993, concerning the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order No. 12543 of January 7, 1986. This report is submitted pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (“IEEPA”), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); and section 505(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, 22 U.S.C. 2349aa–9(c).

1. On December 3, 1993, I announced new measures to tighten economic sanctions against Libya. These measures are taken pursuant to the imposition by the world community of new sanctions against Libya under Security Council (“UNSC”) Resolution 883 of November 11, 1993, and are designed to bring to justice the perpetrators of terrorist attacks against Pan Am flight 103 and UTA flight 772. The actions signal that Libya cannot continue to defy justice and flout the will of the international community with impunity.

UNSC Resolution 883 freezes on a worldwide basis certain financial assets owned or controlled by the Government of Libya or certain Libyan entities and bans provision of equipment for refining and transporting oil. It tightens the international air embargo and other measures imposed in 1992 under UNSC Resolution 748. It is the result of close cooperation between the United States, France, and the United Kingdom, whose citizens were the principal victims of Libyan-sponsored terrorist attacks against Pan Am 103 and UTA 772, and of consultations with Russia and other friends and allies.

On December 2, 1993, I renewed for another year the national emergency with respect to Libya pursuant to IEEPA. This renewal extends the current comprehensive financial and trade embargo against Libya in effect since 1986. Under these sanctions, all trade with Libya is

prohibited, and all assets owned or controlled by the Libyan government in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked. In addition, I have instructed the Secretary of Commerce to reinforce our current trade embargo against Libya by prohibiting the re-export from foreign countries to Libya of U.S.-origin products, including equipment for refining and transporting oil.

2. There has been one amendment to the Libyan Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 550 (the “Regulations”), administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (“FAC”) of the Department of the Treasury, since my last report on July 12, 1993. The amendment (58 *Fed. Reg.* 47643) requires U.S. financial institutions to provide written notification to FAC of any transfers into blocked accounts within 10 days of each transfer. It also standardizes registration and reporting requirements applicable to all persons holding blocked property and requires the annual designation of an individual contact responsible for maintaining the property in a blocked status. A copy of the amendment is attached to this report.

3. During the current 6-month period, FAC made numerous decisions with respect to applications for licenses to engage in transactions under the Regulations, issuing 65 licensing determinations—both approvals and denials. Consistent with FAC’s ongoing scrutiny of banking transactions, the largest category of license approvals (17) concerned requests by non-Libyan persons or entities to unblock bank accounts initially blocked because of an apparent Libyan interest. One license involved export transactions from the United States to support a United Nations program in Libya. Six licenses were issued authorizing intellectual property protection in Libya. Two licenses were issued that permit U.S.