

Q. Do you like that [microphone], Mr. President?

The President. I wish there were a hunting season on these. [Laughter]

Prime Minister Major. I'm going to wake up one morning, and there will be one of those things on the pillow. [Laughter]

Q. And what will you say?

The President. Whatever it is, it will be known to all of England. I told the press once that

there had been this raging debate for 12 years in America over the constitutional right to privacy and what it meant, whether we should keep it and what it should extend to, and all while, the boom mike had been abolishing it with no one noticing. [Laughter]

NOTE: The exchange began at 8:05 p.m. in the Tin Angel Restaurant. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Nomination for Deputy United Nations Representative February 28, 1994

The President today announced his intent to nominate Edward William Gnehm, Jr., a career member of the Senior Foreign Service to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. He would succeed Edward S. Walker, Jr.

"I am confident Mr. Gnehm's extensive foreign affairs background and foreign service expe-

rience will provide a valuable contribution to our representation abroad," the President said, adding, "I am delighted to nominate him to the post of Deputy Representative to the United Nations."

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

Nomination for the Agency for International Development February 28, 1994

The President today announced his intent to nominate Sally Shelton-Colby as the Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Global Programs, Field Support and Research at the Agency for International Development, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

"I am pleased to nominate Sally Shelton-Colby to the position," the President said, add-

ing, "Her foreign affairs experience and educational background will be a great asset to the Agency for International Development."

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

Nomination for the Research and Special Programs Administration February 28, 1994

The President today announced his intent to nominate Dharmendra K. "Dave" Sharma as the Administrator of the Research and Special Pro-

grams Administration (RSPA) at the Department of Transportation.

"Dr. Sharma's broad experience in the areas of science and technology will be a great asset

to the Administration,” the President said, adding, “I look forward to his appointment.”

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

The President’s News Conference With Prime Minister John Major of the United Kingdom

March 1, 1994

The President. We’d like to just make a couple of brief remarks, and then we’ll answer some questions.

First of all, I want to again say how pleased I was at this visit the Prime Minister made. We had a wonderful time yesterday in Pittsburgh, and it turned out to be a pretty good idea that just sort of grew out of a conversation we had last summer in Tokyo. And I’m glad that he came, and I’m glad that we had a chance to go there and to do what was done there.

We’ve had an opportunity to discuss, as you might imagine, a lot of issues. I might just mention a few. First of all, with regard to Bosnia, we are committed to continuing to work for a resolution of the crisis. We’re encouraged by both the ongoing negotiations between the Government, the Bosnian Government, and the Croats and the willingness of the Russians to work with us and others trying to bring the Serbs into a final peace agreement. And so we’re quite hopeful about that.

Secondly, I wanted to particularly emphasize the commitment that we share to strengthening and broadening NATO through the Partnership For Peace and to having tangible evidence of that Partnership coming forward this summer.

Thirdly, with regard to Northern Ireland, I want to reaffirm the support of the United States for the joint declaration, for the process it envisions, and for an end to the violence. I wish the Prime Minister and Prime Minister Reynolds well as they seek to carry this out.

And let me just mention a couple of other things. You knew yesterday, I think, that we sent a joint message to Mr. Mandela and Chief Buthelezi, and we are looking forward to their meeting today. We hope it will be successful. And we want to strongly encourage all the parties in South Africa to responsibly participate in the election.

The last thing I’d like to say is we join the United Kingdom in their position with regard

to Hong Kong, in supporting Governor Patten’s efforts to have a genuine, long-term strategy for economic and political success in Hong Kong. And I have been very admiring of what he’s done and what the Prime Minister has done there.

Those are some of the things that we discussed. And I’ll now turn it over to Prime Minister Major to make a few remarks, and we’ll answer some questions.

Q. Are all your differences wiped out?

The President. Well, let me give the Prime Minister a chance to make some remarks first.

Prime Minister Major. Can I firstly say how enjoyable this visit has been and thank the President for his hospitality and also the people of Pittsburgh. It was a memorable day and a memorable evening yesterday, and I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it.

I don’t want to add a great deal to what the President has had to say, perhaps a word or two about Bosnia, in general, and Sarajevo, in particular.

One of the things we’ve agreed over the last couple of days is to send a joint civil planning mission to Sarajevo, the cease-fire there holding. That’s been a very successful operation. I think it has been universally recognized as such. But the circumstances that exist within Sarajevo are still very serious. The utilities aren’t working, the electricity, the water. So we’ve agreed to send a joint civil planning mission there to have a look at what needs to be done and then to see to what extent we can contribute and can encourage other people to contribute to deal with the civil difficulties that are actually faced there in Sarajevo.

The President mentioned the message we sent yesterday to Nelson Mandela and Chief