

Message to the Congress Transmitting the Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee *March 2, 1994*

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 108(b) of Public Law 98-373 (15 U.S.C. 4107(b)), I transmit herewith the Fifth Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy

Committee (February 1, 1992, to January 31, 1994).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
March 2, 1994.

Nomination for Ambassador to Bahrain *March 2, 1994*

The President today named David M. Ransom as the United States Ambassador to the State of Bahrain.

“David Ransom’s extensive background in foreign affairs and dedicated service to the United States will be a great asset to this Nation,” the

President said. “I am pleased to announce his nomination, and I look forward to his appointment.”

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

Nomination for the Federal Communications Commission *March 2, 1994*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Rachelle B. Chong as a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

“I am confident that Rachelle Chong’s experience and commitment in the area of telecommunications will prove invaluable to this

most important committee,” the President said. “I am happy to nominate her to the position.”

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

Appointment for the President’s Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities *March 2, 1994*

The President today announced the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chairs of the President’s Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities. Appointments include Tony Coelho as Chair of the Committee, Neil Jacobson as Vice Chair, and Karen Meyer as Vice Chair.

“I am pleased to announce these appointments,” the President said. “I believe the designation of such a dedicated and experienced group of people will provide valuable perspective to the administration and emphasize our strong commitment to the community of people with disabilities.”

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

Statement on the Attack on Jewish Students in Brooklyn, New York *March 2, 1994*

This afternoon, I spoke with the family of Aaron Halberstam, the Lubavitcher student who was critically wounded by gunfire in Brooklyn yesterday. My prayers are with them, with their son, and with all of those affected by this spasm of brutal violence. It is an outrage that this crime, which has overtones of a hate crime, could occur in our American community. And it is a tragedy that such a tender, intelligent boy could be the victim of such brutality and immutable violence.

For American Jewry, as for all of us, our country's unique tradition of tolerance and religious freedom makes us a refuge from the ha-

tred and inhumanity that divides so many other cultures in this world. We respect the humanity we find in each other, and anything which attacks the bonds of community which unite us is an attack on us all.

I commend the New York City Police Department for its swift and apparently successful investigation of this crime, and I would appeal to all men and women of good will—shocked as we are by this violence—to be calm and respectful of our system of justice. Those of us fighting for the safety and security of our neighborhoods, and for America's religious and cultural freedoms, will prevail.

Appointment for the Permanent Committee for the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise *March 2, 1994*

The President today announced the appointment of Laura Kalman as a member of the Permanent Committee for the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise. The Committee was established to prepare a history of the Supreme Court of the United States, to finance an annual lecture or series of lectures, and to prepare and publish a memorial volume containing the writings of Justice Holmes.

"Laura Kalman's extensive background in law and American history will be a great asset to the Committee," the President said. "I am delighted to announce her appointment."

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

Remarks on the National Performance Review and an Exchange With Reporters *March 3, 1994*

The President. Good morning, everybody. Please sit down. I'm sorry we're starting late, but I had to have a conversation with Prime Minister Hosokawa of Japan, and it was getting

very late there, and I couldn't put it off until after this meeting. And we'll have more to say about that later in the day. I apologize, but it was unavoidable. We had to make the call.