

prove the quality of both analysis and intelligence, and correct security and management lapses in the critical area of counterintelligence. Jim Woolsey deserves the gratitude of all Americans for his service to our country. He has my deep appreciation.

Intelligence is a vital element of our Nation's power and influence. The men and women of U.S. intelligence must know how grateful I am for their dedicated and often unheralded service.

I remain committed to ensuring that they have the support, resources, and leadership needed to continue their outstanding service to their country.

NOTE: This statement was included in a White House statement announcing that the President had accepted the resignation of R. James Woolsey as Director of Central Intelligence at the CIA.

## Statement on Grants to Projects Aiding the Homeless

December 29, 1994

It is imperative that we not turn our backs on the Nation's homeless. The number of homeless families and young people suffering from abuse and neglect continues to rise. It is my hope that these grants will help those who need our help the most. I am also pleased that AmeriCorps members will be engaged in the

struggle to end homelessness. This is an example of national service at its best.

NOTE: This statement was included in a White House statement announcing the award of grants to projects aiding the homeless.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders on Trade With Russia

December 29, 1994

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

On September 21, 1994, I determined and reported to the Congress that the Russian Federation is in full compliance with the freedom of emigration criteria of section 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974. This action allowed for the continuation of most-favored-nation (MFN) status for Russia and certain other activities without the requirement of a waiver.

As required by law, I am submitting an updated report to the Congress concerning the

emigration laws and policies of the Russian Federation. You will find that the report indicates continued Russian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate.

## Remarks on the Release of Bobby Hall by North Korea and an Exchange With Reporters

December 29, 1994

*The President.* Good evening. I have just spoken with Army Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall. He's crossed the Demilitarized Zone to

freedom. He's safe. His medical condition is currently being evaluated. But we had a good visit, and he said he was feeling well.