

Today's developments are a direct result of NATO's steadfastness in protecting the safe areas and the close cooperation between the U.N. and NATO. They also reflect the intense diplomatic efforts by Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke and the U.S. negotiating team as well as those of our European and Russian partners.

Now the Bosnian Serbs must carry out their commitments and then turn their energies toward a political settlement that will end this terrible conflict for good. They should have no doubt that NATO will resume the air strikes if they fail to keep their commitments, if they strike again at Sarajevo or the other safe areas.

Today's actions, however, following last week's successful meeting in Geneva of the Foreign Ministers of Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia, are important steps along the path to peace in Bosnia. A lot of work remains to be done, but we are absolutely determined to press forward to reach a settlement to this conflict, not on the battlefield but at the negotiating table. We can and we must end Bosnia's long nightmare.

Q. Mr. President, what do you think is the possibility of transforming this into a permanent peace in Bosnia?

The President. I think there's a good possibility if the parties themselves wish to do it. And Ambassador Holbrooke and his team are working hard. We're getting good support from Europe and from Russia. I think we have a chance.

Q. Since you last spoke in so formal a setting, even so formal a setting as this, a lot has happened, including the biggest military operation in NATO's history, something that you certainly urged, intense activity by your diplomats. And

you have seemed almost shy about coming out and talking about it. Is that just an abundance of caution, or why is that, sir? [*Laughter*]

The President. Not an abundance of caution, but what I have wanted to do, first of all, is let our actions speak for themselves. I thought it was important to have our actions speak for themselves.

I also think it is important that even though the United States has provided a great deal of the energy and leadership in this effort, in this, the first difficult security crisis in Europe after the cold war, I think it is important that the NATO forces and the United Nations be seen to be united and working together, and we are. And so that explains how we have tried to handle this publicly.

Q. In talking with Mr. Mladic and Mr. Karadzic and in really getting them to sign an agreement, is there a contradiction because they are convicted war criminals or accused war criminals—

The President. Accused.

Q. —accused war criminals? And do you think they can now enter sort of the world of nations just like any other leader?

The President. First of all, those decisions will all have to be made down the line by the community of nations. The most important thing is that the work continue now to make a comprehensive peace.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:04 a.m. in the Briefing Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Bosnian Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and Gen. Ratko Mladic.

Remarks Honoring the 1995 NCAA Champion California State University at Fullerton Baseball Team

September 15, 1995

Thank you very much. Thank you. Please be seated. Dr. Gordon, Coach Garrido, Assistant Coach George Horton, Congressman Royce, to my friend Roger Johnson and to all the members of this championship team: Now, I knew that Cal State-Fullerton had won the national baseball championship because I keep up with it. But some of the less schooled people here

in the White House, when they heard that Cal State was coming today and it was about baseball, they thought that someone had given Cal Ripken a whole State. [*Laughter*] And when they said that, I said, "Well, I hope he'll share it with me next year." [*Laughter*] Think about that.

Coach Garrido, Coach Horton, to all the student athletes who are here, I want to congratulate you on a remarkable baseball season and on your national championship.

Baseball is both a team sport and a collection of individual players. Most important of all, it's a team sport, but I think it's worth noting that four of these players were selected to the College World Series All Tournament Team: Brian Loyd, the catcher; the third-baseman, Tony Martinez; Ted Silva, the pitcher; and the series MVP and the college player of the year, the outfielder, Mark Kotsay.

I also want to compliment the coach and the players on complete honesty and full disclosure. They told me when I was in there that one of their pitchers, Tim Dixon, who had a perfect season, 13 and 0, played last year at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. I'm glad we can make some contribution to some national champion this year, since we didn't quite make it in basketball.

You have been called college baseball's dream team: an 18-game season ending winning streak, the world series sweep, the best-ever season record for the school of 57 wins and 9 losses. You know, a lot of your success, I'm sure, has the same roots as the remarkable success that we celebrated just a few days ago when I joined a lot of other Americans in Camden Yards, and others watching all across America, when we saw Cal Ripken break Lou Gehrig's record.

It really takes a commitment to hard work and dedication and teamwork and basically

doing it every day. One of the things that I like about baseball is that there are a lot of games in the season. Sometimes, being in politics, I wish we had more than one game every 4 years. But it's very important in baseball to have that daily discipline, that daily awareness, that daily readiness, that steadiness that so many Americans bring to other aspects of their lives.

And I think that America has kind of fallen back in love with baseball again the last few weeks, and I hope it gets a lot more attention. And I hope the qualities required for real success and excellence in baseball will become more and more appreciated by all of our people, because they're qualities that we can all use in our everyday lives, no matter what else we do.

So I want to join your Congressman and the entire State of California in expressing to all you young men my pride in you and your achievement. Congratulations for a job well-done. And I hope you will take the spirit and the values that brought you to the national championship with you throughout the rest of your lives, no matter what you do.

Good luck, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:04 a.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Milton A. Gordon, president, and Augie Garrido, baseball coach, California State University at Fullerton; and Roger Johnson, Administrator of General Services.

Remarks to Representatives of Senior Citizens Organizations *September 15, 1995*

Thank you very much. I'm delighted to see all of you. I'm glad to see you with your buttons and your—apparently, with your spirits intact. That's good. *[Laughter]*

As all of you know, we're having this huge debate in Washington today about the future of this country. I want to try to put this struggle over Medicare and Medicaid into some kind of proper context so that you can take it not only to the Members of Congress and to your own members but out to the American people at large.

There is an enormous consensus in our country, with which I agree, that we ought to pass a budget this time that will bring our books into balance by a date certain. I agree with that. We got into a bad habit, this country did, before I showed up here, in the eighties and the early nineties, of running a permanent deficit, not to invest, to grow the economy, to create jobs, but just because every year we preferred to spend more money than we were taking in. And it wasn't good for the country. We're on the verge of paying more in interest next year