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the destruction of over 50,000 tanks, armored combat vehicles, artillery pieces, combat aircraft, and attack helicopters. It has also established

a system of transparency measures which will increase confidence through on-site inspections, notifications, and information exchanges.

## Statement on the Tornado in Kentucky

*June 1, 1996*

Last Tuesday many of you felt the real-life trauma caused by a powerful tornado. Many of your homes were damaged or destroyed. We have already begun to help you as you recover from this terrible storm. I have declared that a major disaster exists in portions of Kentucky, and I have directed the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), James Lee Witt, to make sure that Federal as-

sistance is available immediately. FEMA will work with State and local efforts to make sure that help continues with speed and efficiency.

The good people of Kentucky have already begun to help their neighbors recover from this tornado, and I want to assure you that we will do everything we can to continue to do our part to help rebuild the affected communities.

Our hearts and prayers are with you.

## Exchange With Reporters

*June 3, 1996*

### *Balanced Budget Amendment*

*Q.* Mr. President, Bob Dole is challenging you today to support a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. What do you say to Bob Dole?

*The President.* That he ought to come back to the budget negotiations and let's balance the budget.

*Q.* What's wrong with a constitutional amendment, though?

*The President.* He's pushed off the decision. Why don't we do it right now? We've got all the money we need. We can balance the budget tomorrow; all he has to do is come back to the negotiations. They walked out months ago. They should come back, take the savings we have in common, put it in the grill and, presto, we've got a balanced budget. We still have to

make these decisions. That's what we ought to do.

*Q.* Do you think he's going to propose cutting taxes, and how would you respond to that?

*The President.* I don't know about that. I'm just going to work.

### *President's Health*

*Q.* How are you feeling, and have you picked a new Chief of Naval Operations?

*Q.* How do you feel?

*The President.* Great.

NOTE: The exchange began at 11:32 a.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House, prior to discussions with Lech Walesa, former President of Poland. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.