

Chicago. As one of the most influential Roman Catholics in modern history, Cardinal Bernardin devoted himself to bringing out the best in humanity. He taught us that what unites us is more important than what divides us, that we can meet our challenges, but only by coming together across our differences. As he said shortly before he died, "It is wrong to waste the precious gift of time given to us on acrimony and division."

This true man of God spent his entire life helping people to find their way to common ground. That was, in fact, the project he was most involved with when he died, the common-ground project to unite Catholics of different

views. Hillary and I counted him as our friend, and we'll miss him very much.

So let us all strive to find that common ground where all Americans can stand in dignity and help one another make the most of their dreams, and let us be ready to share our strength, when our values and our interests demand it, with others around the world who need a hand to help themselves to reach their dreams.

Thanks for listening.

NOTE: The address was recorded at 1:02 p.m. on November 15 in the Oval Office at the White House for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on November 16.

## Exchange With Reporters Prior to Discussions With Prime Minister John Howard of Australia in Canberra November 20, 1996

### *President's Cup Golf Tournament*

[*The exchange is joined in progress.*]

*Prime Minister Howard.* —I signed off a letter the other day trying to—and we're very keen for it to come here.

*The President.* I've told the PGA that I thought it was a good idea not to keep it always in the United States, that I thought it would be a good idea to bring it here.

*Prime Minister Howard.* And we're rather hoping it will actually come to the ACT right here in Canberra because they have—well, they have one really outstanding course in Canberra, as you'll find—

*The President.* I saw it today.

We're talking about the President's Cup; you know, the golf tournament. The PGA is trying to arrange to have it in Australia 2 years from now.

*Prime Minister Howard.* In '98. And naturally, in the lead-up to the Olympic games, if we can pull it off we'll be delighted—and very delighted to have the President's endorsement of the idea, too.

*The President.* I'm for it.

Q. Will that change the rules to allow it?

*Prime Minister Howard.* No.

*The President.* No. The Ryder Cup is an American-European contest, and it alternates.

So we just had the President's Cup in the alternating years—in the alternating 2 years we don't have Ryder Cups. It's the American team against teams essentially from Australia, Japan, and the southern part of Africa and anyplace else in the Asia-Pacific region. So we're going to alternate it.

Q. Who's the golf pro in your entourage, Mr. President?

*The President.* What do you mean?

Q. There were reports—

Q. [*Inaudible*—golf and you brought a golf pro with you on Air Force One.

*The President.* To my knowledge, that is not so. [*Laughter*]

Q. Would you have liked to?

*The President.* I would have, yes. I'm going to need all the help I can get tomorrow.

### *Zaire*

Q. Will you all talk about Zaire? Is that something that—

*The President.* Yes. And we will have a press conference later and answer all your questions. We want to.

*Prime Minister Howard.* Yes, you'll have a good run. [*Laughter*]

*President's Visit*

*The President.* And I want you to have fun tonight.

*Q.* We did the boat tour last night.

*The President.* You did?

*Q.* You get to do it tonight. The press was taken out on the same boat last night.

*The President.* Good.

*Q.* The view was spectacular.

*The President.* Did they tell you there were sharks in the water?

*Q.* They told us they had sharks on deck. [Laughter]

*Prime Minister Howard.* A lot in the water, too.

*The President.* In Sydney Harbor?

*Prime Minister Howard.* Yes, seriously.

*The President.* So you don't want to fall in.

NOTE: The exchange began at 10:50 a.m. in the Prime Minister's Office at Parliament House. In his remarks, the President referred to his scheduled golf game with Australian professional golfer Greg Norman. The exchange released by the Office of the Press Secretary did not include the complete opening remarks of the President and the Prime Minister. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

## The President's News Conference With Prime Minister John Howard of Australia in Canberra

*November 20, 1996*

*Prime Minister Howard.* Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to say on behalf of my Government how much I have appreciated the opportunity of talking to President Clinton so soon after his reelection. I would like to repeat publicly the congratulations I extended to the President privately on his reelection.

This is a marvelous opportunity for both of us to reaffirm the importance of our long-standing, deep, and rich association. It's an association that goes beyond the more formal elements of a treaty or an alliance. It's an association of like-minded people committed to common values with many shared historical experiences, many common cultural attitudes, and above all, a very deep commitment to democratic institutions, values, and freedoms of the individual.

It was also for both of us an opportunity to affirm the importance, the contemporary relevance of our partnership in the context of our common involvement in the Asia-Pacific region, where I have said on a number of occasions we share a common future and a common destiny. The President and I had the opportunity in our discussion this morning to canvass many global issues but ones of particular relevance to our region, and we also touched upon a number of trade issues which are of ongoing importance in the bilateral relationship.

I want to say how pleased I am personally to have the opportunity with my wife, Janette, of welcoming the President and Mrs. Clinton to our country. They are very welcome not only for themselves and the great leadership that they're giving to their country but also as the President and the wife of the President of the United States.

The President of the United States is always welcome in Australia. And I will take the opportunity over the next couple of days in an informal manner to continue the discussion that both of us had this morning.

But to you, Mr. President, again, publicly, my very warm welcome. You are here as a very welcome guest and with the good will of all of the Australian people.

*The President.* Thank you very much, Prime Minister. Ladies and gentlemen, I have wanted to come to Australia for a very long time. I am glad that I have finally come; I wish I could have come earlier. And I've had so much fun in the last day, I'm amazed that only three American Presidents have come here. I think it ought to be a habit because of the unique partnership that the United States and Australia have enjoyed throughout the 20th century and indeed going back long before that.

The Prime Minister and I had our first personal meeting today. It was a very good one.