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Message to the Senate Transmitting the Argentina-United States Extradition Treaty With Documentation

July 30, 1997

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Argentine Republic, signed at Buenos Aires on June 10, 1997.

In addition, I transmit, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaty. As the report states, the Treaty will not require implementing legislation.

The provisions in this Treaty follow generally the form and content of extradition treaties recently concluded by the United States.

Upon entry into force, this Treaty would enhance cooperation between the law enforcement

authorities of both countries, and thereby make a significant contribution to international law enforcement efforts. The Treaty would supersede the Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the Republic of Argentina signed at Washington on January 21, 1972.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Treaty and give its advice and consent to ratification.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
July 30, 1997.

NOTE: This message was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 31.

Statement on Congressional Action on Balanced Budget Legislation

July 31, 1997

The final congressional passage of the balanced budget bill is the achievement of a generation and a triumph for every American. This budget marks an end to decades of deficits, and just as important, it honors our values, investing in the education, health, and futures of our people. This budget includes the most significant new investment in education in three decades and the largest increase in investment in higher education since the GI bill a half century ago. And it means that up to 5 million children who lack health insurance will now receive quality health care, even as we cut overall Government spending. That's the right way to balance the budget.

I am particularly pleased that our balanced budget passed with the overwhelming support of both parties in both Houses of Congress.

It reflects the common values and common sense of the vital center of American politics.

This balanced budget also will strengthen America by continuing our economic strategy. Beginning in 1993, our new economic approach of cutting deficits, investing in our people, and expanding exports through tough trade agreements has created the conditions for sustained prosperity. Today we have learned that the economy grew over the first 6 months of this year at a 3.5 percent rate, with low inflation and rising incomes. Today's passage of the balanced budget will continue that strategy and help keep America's economy growing.

I look forward to the swift passage of the tax cuts in separate legislation to complete our balanced budget plan.