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Henrique Cardoso of Brazil; Counsel to the President Charles F.C. Ruff; Press Secretary Michael D. McCurry; and businessman James Riady of the

Lippo Group. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

## Statement on Signing the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1998

*October 13, 1997*

I have today signed into law H.R. 2203, the “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1998,” which provides \$20.7 billion in discretionary budget authority for the discretionary programs of the Department of Energy (DOE), the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation, the Army Corps of Engineers, and several smaller agencies.

The Act provides necessary funding to continue DOE’s commitment to ensuring the safety and reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile and DOE’s investment in developing advanced renewable energy technologies. The Act also provides essential funding to develop and protect the Nation’s environmental resources.

I hereby declare \$5 million from the Construction General account of the Army Corps

of Engineers for the construction of an emergency outlet for Devils Lake, North Dakota, as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(I) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

I urge the Congress to complete action on the remaining FY 1998 appropriations bills as quickly as possible, and to send them to me in an acceptable form.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,  
October 13, 1997.

NOTE: H.R. 2203, approved October 13, was assigned Public Law No. 105–62.

## Statement on the Death of John Denver

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Hillary and I were saddened to learn of the death of John Denver. His soaring music evoked the grandeur of our landscape and the simple warmth of human love. He was a dedicated champion of the environment, spending many hours on the vital work of protecting natural

heritage. And he opened many doors to understanding among nations through his tours of the Soviet Union, China, and Vietnam. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and to his millions of fans.

## Remarks at a Reception With President Fernando Cardoso of Brazil in Brasilia

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President and Mrs. Cardoso, members of the Brazilian Government, my fellow Americans, honored guests. Let me say, on behalf of all

of us who are here, it is wonderful to be in Brazil, but it is especially wonderful for me. I have wanted to come here for a long time,