

Fourth Congressional District; and David J. Leland, chairman, Ohio Democratic Party.

## Message to the Congress Transmitting a Waiver on Most-Favored-Nation Trade Status for Vietnam

March 9, 1998

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Pursuant to section 402(c)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the "Act"), I have determined that a waiver of the application of subsections 402(a) and (b) with respect to Vietnam will substantially promote the objectives of section 402. A copy of that determination is attached. I also have received assurances with respect to the emigration practices of Vietnam required by section 402(c)(2)(B) of the Act. This message constitutes the report to the Congress required by section 402(c)(2).

Pursuant to subsection 402(c)(2) of the Act, I shall issue an Executive order waiving the ap-

plication of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act with respect to Vietnam.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,  
March 9, 1998.

NOTE: This message was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 11. The related memorandums of March 9 and the Executive order of April 7 are listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Remarks Prior to Discussions With United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and an Exchange With Reporters

March 11, 1998

*President Clinton.* Let me begin by saying that I'm delighted that the Secretary-General is here. We share a strong commitment to curtailing the threat of weapons of mass destruction in general and to continuing the work in Iraq. And again let me say how pleased I am at the agreement that he worked out with Iraq to continue the inspections, as well as the access which has been provided to the UNSCOM inspectors which was previously denied. All that is encouraging.

Now, I think we have to remain vigilant. The last 6 days is not the same as the next 6 months, but it's all very hopeful. And the Secretary-General deserves a lot of appreciation from the United States and from all Americans for the work that has been done.

*Secretary-General's Agreement With Iraq*

*Q.* Mr. President, are you both on the same wavelength in terms of what would happen if

there is a breach in the agreement in the aftermath of that implementation? We understand there's some little friction.

*President Clinton.* Well—

*Secretary-General Annan.* Between the President and me, or the President and someone else?

*Q.* Between the President and you.

*Secretary-General Annan.* I see. Okay.

*President Clinton.* Well, over the weekend the Secretary-General said he thought that under the resolution there would have to be some consultations before any military force could be taken or used. We believe that the resolution gives us the authority to take whatever actions are necessary. But of course, we would consult. It would be unthinkable that we wouldn't do that. We do that all the time anyway. I spent an awful lot of time on the telephone with large numbers of world leaders in the last several weeks as this difficulty has unfolded, and so