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## Statement on the Death of Tammy Wynette

*April 7, 1998*

Hillary and I were deeply saddened to learn of the untimely death of Tammy Wynette. For more than 30 years, Tammy Wynette defined the Nashville sound that helped to make American country western music popular all over the world. Her string of number one hits has\* filled music halls, homes, and radio waves, and her

trademark style has\* filled our hearts and made her a legend. From the Mississippi cotton fields where she worked as a child, to the stage of the Grand Ole Opry where she presided as the First Lady of country music, Tammy Wynette was an American original, and we will miss her.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Waiver on Most-Favored-Nation Trade Status for Vietnam

*April 7, 1998*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

Pursuant to subsection 402(c)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, (hereinafter the "Act"), I have issued an Executive order waiving the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act with respect to Vietnam.

I wish to report to the Congress that I have determined that the requirements of subsections 402(c)(2)(A) and (B) of the Act have been satisfied.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate. The Executive order is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Message on the Observance of Passover, 1998

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Warmest greetings to all those celebrating Passover.

This sacred holiday commemorates the long and arduous exodus of the Jewish people to the promised land of Israel. Despite centuries of slavery and oppression, the Israelites, strengthened by the promise of salvation, refused to abandon their dreams of freedom. In their darkest moments of persecution, the hope of liberation and redemption burned bright in their hearts, lighting their way to a new land and a new life.

Passover holds special meaning for us this year as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the creation of the modern state of Israel. It

is a powerful reminder of the indomitable spirit of the Jewish people, of the quest for freedom and dignity that unites us all, of God's powerful presence in our history, and God's constant loving concern in our lives.

As the Jewish community across America and around the world commemorates this holy season, let us pray together for peace in the land of Israel, for the tranquility of its people, and for a bright and hopeful future for us all.

Hillary joins me in extending best wishes for a memorable Passover.

BILL CLINTON

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\* White House correction.