

The President. No, we won that, too. All four of us parred all four holes the second time we played.

Mr. Shipley. But we got a couple more strokes.

Situation in East Timor

Q. Are you satisfied with how the talks went in New York today?

The President. What?

Q. It seemed to be positive. It seemed that the Indonesians signed on to what the United States wants.

The President. It appears so. You know, the initial report I got was quite good, but I want to get a detailed briefing about exactly where we are. I think the important thing is to get the force mobilized, get it in in a hurry, and also get the humanitarian aid out there. There are a lot of people still actually in East Timor who need food and supplies, so we've got a lot of work to do.

Hurricane Floyd

Q. What have you heard about the hurricane?

Q. Are you monitoring Hurricane Floyd?

The President. Yes. I talked to Mr. Witt this morning, and he told me he would call me back in about 12, 14 hours and let me know where it was. I've not talked to him since I got up this morning.

Q. It sounds like a monster storm, sir.

The President. Yes, he said it's going to be huge. And we didn't know at the time how many States would be hit for sure. But all the experts think it's going to be a very, very large storm. We'll just have to hope for the best.

President's Visit

Q. [Inaudible]

The President. It's fabulous; it's really quite a wonderful course. It's an honest course. It's a good course. It plays hard, but it's an honest course.

Q. What do you think of Queenstown?

The President. I wish I had weeks to spend here. You know, when we were coming in the airplane, landing, everybody on our plane was just gasping when we saw the landscape. It's just so beautiful. You're all very fortunate.

Q. When are you coming back, Mr. President?

The President. How about next week? [Laughs]

Round of Golf

Q. [Inaudible]

The President. This guy hits the ball further than any person his age I've ever played with, including a lot of the pros I've played—water treatment.

Mr. Shipley. Just not as straight as the pros.

The President. And it's only because his public service has kept him from playing every day that he's not a scratch golfer.

Chelsea Clinton

Q. What did Chelsea do today?

The President. I think she looked around here and went running. I don't think she went caving or anything as great as yesterday.

NOTE: The exchange began at 6:41 p.m. at the Millbrook Resort following a round of golf. In his remarks, the President referred to his golf partner Burton Shipley, husband of Prime Minister Jennifer Shipley of New Zealand; and his opponents, professional golfer John Griffin and publisher Mike Robson. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Memorandum on the Working Group on International Energy September 14, 1999

*Memorandum for the Assistant to the President
for Science and Technology*

Subject: Working Group on International Energy

The report of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), *Powerful Partnerships: The Federal Role in*

International Cooperation on Energy Innovation, will help advance my Administration's goals for addressing energy-linked economic, environmental, and security challenges. As you point out in the synthesis of the report, our window of opportunity for moving the world off of its

current energy trajectory—which entails higher consumer costs, greater regional pollution, more pronounced climate disruption, and increasing risks to energy security—is closing fast. Thus, we should act expeditiously on PCAST's recommendations for strengthening capacities for energy technology innovation, promoting technologies to limit energy demand and for a cleaner energy supply, and improving management of the Federal international energy research and development portfolio.

As a first step, I direct you to form a working group on international energy research, development, demonstration, and deployment under the

National Science and Technology Council, as recommended by PCAST. The working group should build on the PCAST report and assess the portfolio of programs underway in the Federal agencies and develop a strategic vision, including budget recommendations that can be considered in agency requests for FY 2001.

Please commend John Holdren, the members of his panel, and all of PCAST for its fine report on this important matter.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 15.

Remarks on Antarctica and Climate Change, in Christchurch, New Zealand September 15, 1999

Thank you very much. Good afternoon. Prime Minister Shipley, Burton and Anna and Ben; and Sir Edmund Hillary and Lady Hillary; Ambassadors Beeman and Bolger, and their wives; to Mayor Moore: Dr. Erb, Dr. Benton, Mr. Mace, Dr. Colwell; to all of those who have made our visit here so memorable: Let me begin on behalf of my family and my party by thanking the officials and the people of New Zealand for giving us 5 absolutely glorious days in one of the most beautiful places on Earth. We are very grateful.

Hurricane Floyd

I hope you will all indulge me just one moment. This is my only chance to speak not only to you but to the people of the United States today. And since we're here to talk about the weather, you should know that my country is facing one of the most serious hurricanes ever to threaten the United States, if the predictions of its force and scope hold true.

This morning I signed an emergency declaration for the States of Florida and Georgia to provide for assistance for emergency protective and preventive measures. I have been in close contact with our Vice President, Al Gore, and our Director of Emergency Management, James Lee Witt. They are working around the clock to prepare for the storm. I ask all of you here to remember my fellow Americans, and after we finish the state dinner tonight, I am going

to fly home, and we will make the best job of it we can.

Antarctica and Climate Change

Let me say I am particularly honored to be here with Sir Edmund Hillary, referred to in our family as my second favorite Hillary. [Laughter] I read that, when Sir Edmund turned 50, he resolved to do three things: to build a house on the cliffs above the Tasman Sea; to become a better skier; to do a grand traverse up the peaks of Mt. Cook. I'm wondering what he resolved to do when he turned 80. I hear the All Blacks may have a new full-back. [Laughter] I wish you a happy 80th birthday, sir, and I wish all of us might lead lives half so full and productive as yours.

I come here to this beautiful city and to this place to deepen a partnership between the United States and New Zealand that is already long and strong. In this century, young Americans and New Zealanders have fought again and again side by side to turn back tyranny and to defend democracy. We have worked together on peacekeeping missions. We have stood together for expanded opportunity for our people through trade. We even let you borrow the America's Cup from time to time. [Laughter] We hope to reverse our generosity shortly. [Laughter] We are grateful for your friendship, and we thank you for it.