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Committee on International Relations. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 26.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on Compliance With the Chemical Weapons Convention *September 25, 2000*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

In accordance with Condition 10(C) of the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by the United States Senate on April 24, 1997, enclosed is the report on CWC compliance.

The report is provided in both a classified and unclassified form.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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## Remarks on the National Economy *September 26, 2000*

Thank you very much. Ladies and gentlemen, we're here to talk about some good news for our economy and what it means for hardworking Americans. I want to thank those on our administration team who had a lot to do with the results that I will be announcing today.

I thank John Podesta, and I thank Gene Sperling; our Council of Economic Chair Martin Baily, and the other members of the Council of Economic Advisers; Jack Lew and Sylvia Mathews at OMB and all the people at OMB and the staff at the Council of Economic Advisers; all the folks who work in the White House and those who have been part of the groups that have helped us and our economic team and the Government to achieve the results that the American people have worked for and earned.

As John Podesta just described, when we took office, the deficit was \$290 billion and rising. It was projected to be about \$450 billion this year. Twelve years of irresponsible fiscal policies had quadrupled the debt of the United States,

giving us low growth and very high interest rates. Unemployment was high; confidence was low.

Al Gore and I worked hard to change that, with a strategy of fiscal discipline, investment in our people, and expanded trade. A big part of our strategy was to make sure that all the American people could participate in the growth of our Nation. We expanded the earned-income tax credit, nearly doubling it to make sure that work pays for people who work on modest incomes.

We raised the minimum wage, passed the family and medical leave law, enacted a \$500 child tax credit, passed the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill to make sure people could carry their health insurance with them when they changed jobs, created the HOPE scholarship tax credit and other increases in college aid for the biggest expansion in college opportunity since the GI bill over 50 years ago.

Now, we all know that the American people have done a lot with these changes. We have