

They say: We were young. Remember us.

They say: We have done what we could, but until it is finished, it is not done.

They say: Our deaths are not ours; they are yours; they will mean what you make them.

They say: Whether our lives and our deaths were for peace and a new hope, we cannot say; it is you who must say this.

They say: We leave you our deaths. Give them their meaning.

The lives of the men and women we lost on the U.S.S. *Cole* meant so much to those who loved them, to all Americans, to the cause of freedom. They have given us their deaths. Let us give them their meaning: their meaning of peace and freedom, of reconciliation and love, of service, endurance, and hope. After all they have given us, we must give them their meaning.

I ask now that you join me in a moment of silence and prayer for the lost, the missing, and their grieving families.

[At this point, those gathered observed a moment of silence.]

*The President.* Amen.

Thank you, and may God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:38 a.m. on Pier 12. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. James S. Gilmore III of Virginia; Adm. Barry C. Black, USN, Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Navy, who gave the invocation; Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy James L. Herdt, USN; Master Chief Thomas B. Hefty, USN, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Master Chief. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of Adm. Robert J. Natter, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Adm. Vern Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig; Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Secretary of Defense William Cohen. The related proclamations of October 12 and October 16 are listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Remarks at the Opening Ceremonies of the 2000 President's Cup in Lake Manassas, Virginia

October 18, 2000

Thank you. Thank you very much, Dan. Governor, Commissioner Finchem, Captain Venturi, Captain Thomson, and the American and international teams, ladies and gentlemen, I want to begin by saying how privileged I feel to be the honorary chairman of this tournament and to be here on this magnificent fall day at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, where my friend Vernon Jordan and I have spent so many happy days playing golf.

As a gesture of good will, I left my clubs home today. [Laughter] Actually, I offered to play on the American team, but when I had to confess I have never broken 80 on this course—even from the white tees—I was immediately rejected, showing how much the world has changed since President Johnson said, “There’s one lesson you better learn if you want to be in politics: Never go out on a golf course and beat the President.” [Laughter] I keep pass-

ing that out, even to strangers, and no one takes it seriously anymore. [Laughter]

Let me say to all of you, I love the President’s Cup—the greatest players from around the world and here in the United States playing for sheer love of the game and competition, pride of nation, donating their winnings to their favorite charities. After this year, the four President’s Cup competitions will have raised more than \$6 million for 100 charities to fund schools and hospitals, to fight disease, to teach young people not only the skills but the sportsmanship of golf. That is the genius of the President’s Cup, and I thank all of you who are part of that.

If I might, I’d also like to say a word in my capacity as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces. I want to thank Captain Venturi and the American team members for wearing the black arm bands in honor of those who perished aboard the U.S.S. *Cole*. I spent the

morning with the families of the fallen and injured sailors and their larger Navy family in Norfolk.

Like the golfers here, they come from many different ethnic and religious backgrounds. Like you, they stood for our common humanity and those who want to build a world where we bridge our differences and celebrate our diversity. When you play in this tournament with honor and by the rules, respecting the character and ability of your opponents, you show the world, including those rooting hard for you, the way we all ought to live and work. You offer another rebuke, although gentle and gentlemanly, to those who believe our differences are more important than our common humanity.

I ask you to say a little prayer for those folks tonight. This is a tough day for them. Almost all those 17 sailors were very young, just beginning life's journey. But they were proud of what

they did, and what they did and what their successors do today is very important. May God bless them and their families.

Now, as the honorary chairman, my first order of business is to declare this tournament officially open. Secondly, I have been informed—much against my better instincts—to declare this a no-mulligans zone. [*Laughter*] Now, I would like to invite the two captains up here to join me for a presentation and before the Cup.

Thank you very much, and God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:58 p.m. at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. James S. Gilmore III of Virginia; Tim Finchem, commissioner, PGA Tour; Ken Venturi, U.S. team captain, and Peter Thomson, international team captain; and Vernon Jordan, president, Robert Trent Jones Golf Club.

## Message to the Congress Transmitting Reports of the Department of Transportation

October 18, 2000

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I transmit herewith the Department of Transportation's Calendar Year 1998 reports on Activities Under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, the Highway Safety Act of 1966, and the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act of 1972, as amended.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,

October 18, 2000.

NOTE: This message was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 19.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on Iraq's Compliance With United Nations Security Council Resolutions

October 18, 2000

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

Consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution (Public Law 102-1 as amended by Public Law 106-113) and as part of my effort to keep the Congress fully informed, I am reporting on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the United Nations

Security Council. My last report, consistent with Public Law 102-1, was dated July 17, 2000. I shall continue to keep the Congress informed about this important issue.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON