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charter for them in Congress? They only exist by an Executive order which Teddy Roosevelt wrote in 1908.

The President. Well, I don't agree with the characterization you made of what has occurred. So I can't comment on it. I flat disagree.

Q. Would you look into that, because you obviously have not looked into that?

The President. No, I just disagree.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:15 p.m. in the Briefing Room at the White House.

Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With Congressional Leaders

July 19, 1993

Q. Mr. President, have you given up on a utility tax, and how much of an increase would you take on a gas tax? And besides that——

The President. Well, I'm just sitting here meeting with the chairmen, and I'm going to also, you know, keep working through this with the conferees. And we're going to see what we can do. But we're just beginning our conversations, so I can't answer those questions.

Q. Sir, what qualifications will the new FBI Director have?

The President. Good ones.

NOTE: The exchange began at 5:06 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Executive Order 12855—Amendment to Executive Order 12852

July 19, 1993

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and in order to amend Executive Order No. 12852, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 12852 is amended by deleting the text of Section 3(d) of that order and inserting in lieu thereof the following text: "The Department of the Interior shall, on a reimbursable basis, provide such administrative services for the Council as may be required" and by deleting the words "Office of Administration in the Executive Office of the President" in Section 4 of that order and inserting the "Department of the Interior" in lieu thereof.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
July 19, 1993.

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Memorandum on the Delegation of Authority Regarding Assistance to Africa

July 19, 1993

Memorandum for the Administrator of the Agency for International Development

Subject: Delegation of Authority Regarding the Horn of Africa Recovery and Food Security Act Reporting Requirement

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including section 9 of the Horn of Africa Recovery and Food Security Act, Public Law 102–274, I hereby delegate to the Administrator of the Agency for International Development (AID) the functions vested in me by section 9 of that Act.

The Administrator of AID is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton