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Statement on the Death of Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

January 6, 1994

The Nation mourns the loss of our beloved former Speaker of the House, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr.

As U.S. House Speaker, Tip O'Neill was the Nation's most prominent, powerful, and loyal champion of working people. He loved politics and government because he saw how politics and government could make a difference in people's lives. And he loved people most of all—his neighbors, his constituents, and his family.

Last fall, Tip was generous to me with his advice and his stature when he joined our effort to win approval of the North American Free Trade Agreement. His stand moved me, because working people had been the cause of his long and colorful career, and in his heart he knew that more open trade would mean a better quality of life for working Americans.

On a day of sadness for my family and Tip's, Hillary and I wish his wife, Millie, and their family our deepest sympathies for a husband and a father now gone and for a beautiful life well lived.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

January 2

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton returned to Washington, DC, from Hilton Head, SC.

January 3

In the afternoon, the President met with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

January 4

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with the Vice President.

In the evening, the President had dinner with experts on European affairs.

January 5

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with columnists.

January 6

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Hot Springs, AR, to attend the funeral of his mother, Virginia Clinton Kelley, on January 8.

The President appointed Katherine D. Seelman to be the Director of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, part of the Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

January 7

The President announced that he intends to nominate William A. Reinsch to be the Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

The President appointed the following individuals to Senior Executive Service positions in the administration:

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Tony Hernandez, Regional Administrator, Region 8
Joseph J. O'Hern, Regional Administrator, Region 7

Department of Agriculture

Vicki J. Hicks, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

Mary Ann Keeffe, Deputy Administrator for Special Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service

R. Alan King, Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service