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Executive Order 12925—Establishing an Emergency Board To Investigate a Dispute Between the Soo Line Railroad Company and Certain of Its Employees Represented by the United Transportation Union

August 29, 1994

A dispute exists between the Soo Line Railroad Company and certain of its employees represented by the United Transportation Union.

The dispute has not heretofore been adjusted under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 151–188) (the ''Act'').

In the judgment of the National Mediation Board, this dispute threatens substantially to interrupt interstate commerce to a degree that would deprive a section of the country of essential transportation service.

Now, Therefore, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 10 of the Act, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Establishment of Emergency Board* (''*Board*''). There is established, effective August 29, 1994, a Board of three members to be appointed by the President to investigate this dispute. No member shall be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in any organization of railroad employees or any railroad carrier. The Board shall perform its functions subject to the availability of funds.

Sec. 2. *Report.* The Board shall report to the President with respect to the dispute within 30 days of its creation.

Sec. 3. *Maintaining Conditions.* As provided by section 10 of the Act, from the date of the creation of the Board and for 30 days after the Board has submitted its report to the President, no change in the conditions out of which the dispute arose shall be made by the parties to the controversy, except by agreement of the parties.

Sec. 4. *Records Maintenance.* The records and files of the Board are records of the Office of the President and upon the Board's termination shall be maintained in the physical custody of the National Mediation Board.

Sec. 5. *Expiration.* The Board shall terminate upon the submission of the report provided for in sections 2 and 3 of this order.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
August 29, 1994.

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NOTE: This Executive order was published in the *Federal Register* on August 31.

Statement on the Death of Drug Enforcement Administration Agents

August 30, 1994

I join the American people in mourning the deaths of five young agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, lost when their plane crashed in Peru this past weekend. Agents Frank Fernandez, Jay Seale, Meredith Thompson, Frank Wallace, and Juan Vars demonstrated a true devotion to duty and a commitment to ridding our country of the scourge of illegal drugs.

Every day, dedicated men and women risk their lives in the international war against drugs. Working with officials from many nations, our DEA agents have made great progress in this struggle. But, as we have seen this week, this war is not an easy one. Even our most valiant young soldiers fall victim.

These courageous agents served to make America's streets safer for our children, and, in their names, we rededicate ourselves to fighting drug production, trafficking, and use.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I extend deepest sympathies to the families of these heroic individuals. Their bright lives will remain inspirations to all of us.

William J. Clinton

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this statement.

Letter on Appointments for Presidential Emergency Board No. 225

August 30, 1994

Dear Mr. Twomey:

Pursuant to section 10 of the Railway Labor Act, as amended, I established by Executive order an Emergency Board to investigate a dispute between the Soo Line Railroad Company and certain of its employees represented by the United Transportation Union. The functions and the duties of the Emergency Board are set forth in the Railway Labor Act, as amended, and in the Executive order creating the Board.

I am pleased to learn that you are willing to serve on this Emergency Board, and I hereby appoint you as Chair. This letter will constitute your appointment and your authority to act in that capacity. Each Member of the Board is to receive compensation at the rate of $429.00 per day for each day that you are actually engaged in the performance of your duties or in travel in connection therewith. In addition, each Member of the Board will be allowed per diem in lieu of subsistence while so engaged away from your home or your regular place of business.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: This letter was sent to David Twomey, Chair, and similar letters were sent to Richard P. Kasher and Elizabeth Neumeier, members of the emergency board established to investigate the dispute between the Soo Line Railroad Co. and the United Transportation Union. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 31.

Statement on the Peace Process in Northern Ireland

August 31, 1994

I welcome today's watershed announcement by the IRA that it has decided to end the 25-year campaign of violence and pursue the path of peace. While much work remains to be done, the IRA's decision to join the political process can mark the beginning of a new era that holds the promise of peace for all the people of Northern Ireland.

I have just spoken with Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland and Prime Minister John Major of the United Kingdom to congratulate them for their persistent efforts to bring this day about. Their joint resolve to end the violence and pursue a negotiated settlement has been crucial to the progress made to date. Their historic joint declaration last December, together with the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985, have built the foundation for the new hope we have today. I am pleased that the United States has been able to contribute to this process of reconciliation.

We join with the Governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom in the hope and expectation that today's step will help bring a lasting and just peace to Northern Ireland. I urge the IRA and all who have supported it to fulfill the promise of today's announcement to end the use and support of violence, just as we continue to call on all parties who have sought to achieve political goals through violence to cease to do so. There must be a permanent end to the violence.

The United States continues to stand ready to assist in advancing the process of peace in Northern Ireland. We hope that both traditions, unionist and nationalist, will support the only real avenue to peace, that of a negotiated settlement to the conflict.

Statement on Withdrawal of Russian Forces From Eastern Europe

August 31, 1994

Today marks the completion of the withdrawal of Russian military forces from the Republic of Estonia and the Latvian Republic, under terms of bilateral agreements concluded between Russia and each of these sovereign states. Russian military forces are also completing their withdrawal today from the Federal Republic of Germany, in accordance with the agreements reached between Germany and the Soviet Union in October 1990. These withdrawals constitute the final departure of Russian troops that have been present in Eastern Europe since 1945.

This effectively brings to an end a chapter in post-World War II European history, opening the door to a new era of regional stability and cooperation. I congratulate the