

in helping South Africa's democracy to succeed, in building a new partnership with Russia that enables us to say for the first time since the dawn of the nuclear age, there are no nuclear missiles pointed at the children of the United States. And I am also proud of what you have done to stand up to aggression here in the Gulf.

We stand with the people of Kuwait, people who have rebuilt their army and their economy since the difficult days of 1990. The people of Kuwait should be proud of their accomplishments and proud of their tough reactions to Iraq's provocation. The international community will assure that Iraq never threatens your nation again. The proof of that commitment is here in the brave men and women of Operation Vigilant Warrior.

Let me say, too, that we have no quarrel with the people of Iraq. We know the suffering they endured in the war with Iran, a war that blighted an entire generation. Just 2 years after that horrible conflict, Iraq sent its sons to war again, and we know the price they paid for their leader's folly here. But the pain of the people of Iraq is the result of one thing only, the path their leadership has chosen.

So we say again to Iraq: Comply fully with the resolutions of the United Nations. Obey the will and the law of the international community. That is the only way to have a normal life. It is the way the rest of us have followed, and you should try it as well.

My fellow Americans, you're making sacrifices to defend your country, its values, and its interests. I know the demands on you are great. I know your love of country takes you away from home and the family that you love for long stretches of time. I know when you cheered about the announcement I made on pay, part of the cheering was for the folks back home, the children and the hope that you have for your own families and for their future.

What you are doing is assuming America's burdens in this new and challenging time, to maintain our national security, to maintain our national commitments, to help the world move toward peace and freedom. I hope you will always take the pride in your contributions that I see in your faces today, that I hear in your voices today.

Our country is the land of the free and the home of the brave, as the song says. Because of your bravery, we're spreading that freedom to others. Because of your bravery, we will remain forever free.

So I thank you, I thank you for your service. I thank your families back home. God bless you all, and God bless America. Don't forget to go Christmas shopping.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:19 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Gen. Binford J.H. Peay III, USA, commander in chief, and Maj. Gen. James B. Taylor, USA, deputy commander, U.S. Central Command; Crown Prince Saad Al Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait; and Maj. Gen. Ali Al-Mumen, commander in chief, Kuwaiti Armed Forces.

Remarks on Receiving the Mubarak Medal in Kuwait City, Kuwait

October 28, 1994

First, let me thank you, Royal Highness, and the people of Kuwait for this high honor. Mubarak the Great, your grandfather and the modern-day founder of this proud nation, symbolizes the determination to defend your independence against all aggression.

I accept your honor on behalf of all the American people and especially the men and women of our Armed Forces. They are the strength behind our commitment to Kuwait and to peace and security in the entire Gulf region. They are the steel in our determination never again to allow Iraq to threaten its neighbors. They have stood shoulder to shoulder with your men in arms and once again have said no to aggression and yes to peace.

As the men and women of our Armed Forces work to make peace in the Gulf, far-sighted leaders are making peace elsewhere in the Middle East. I am encouraged by the effort of Arabs and Israelis to live together in peace. As Jordan and Israel have demonstrated, a peace for the generations is now before us.

I want to thank Kuwait especially for the important contribution you have made to the peace process. By helping lead the way to end the boycott of Israel, Kuwait is saying, let us close the door on the past and open

a new page to the future, a future of peaceful coexistence and prosperous commerce for all the people in this region.

Your Royal Highness, the United States stands with those who seek to ensure the triumph of hope over fear. It was just a few years ago that President Bush sent our troops here to defend your very existence. Since that time our friendship has grown and our military cooperation has increased.

Our determination is clear: Kuwait shall remain free. And the United States and Kuwait will remain partners into the future.

I thank you again.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 7 p.m. in Bayan Palace. In his remarks, he referred to Amir Jabir Sabah of Kuwait. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Executive Order 12935—Amending Executive Order No. 11157 as it Relates to the Definition of “Field Duty”

October 28, 1994

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 402(e)(1) of title 37, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Amendments to Executive Order No. 11157.* (a) Section 303(e) of Executive Order No. 11157 of June 22, 1964, as amended, is further amended by striking out “— (1) the member is under orders with troops operating against an enemy, actual or potential; or (2)”.

(b) Section 401(b) of Executive Order No. 11157 of June 22, 1964, as amended, is further amended by striking out “service by a member under orders with troops operating against an enemy, actual or potential, or” in the first sentence.

Sec. 2. *Effective Date.* The amendments to Executive Order No. 11157 made in this order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m., eastern daylight time on October 28, 1994.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
October 28, 1994.

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 11:30 a.m., October 28, 1994]

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

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.

October 22

In the morning, the President traveled to San Francisco, CA, and in the evening, he traveled to Seattle, WA.

The President announced his intention to appoint Eamon Mahony, Jr., as the Federal Commissioner and Fred D. Helms as the Alternate Federal Commissioner of the Arkansas River Compact Commission.

October 23

In the morning, the President attended services at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Cleveland, OH.

October 24

In the afternoon, the President attended a reception for Ohio Attorney General Lee Fisher at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. He then traveled to Akron, OH, where he toured the Inventure Place construction site.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

October 25

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Cairo, Egypt.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert Robles, Barbara J. Sabol, and Kaye Theimer as members of the Commission on Child and Family Welfare.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara H. Britten, M. Austin Forman, James T. McCarthy, and Michael F. Tillman, to be U.S. Commissioners of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission.