Week Ending Friday, January 27, 1995

Executive Order 12945—Amendment to Executive Order No. 12640
January 20, 1995

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to provide for the carrying out of the provisions of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 93-112, section 501(a)–(f), as amended (29 U.S.C. 791(a)–(f)), and in order to add two Vice Chair positions to the four already provided to the “President’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities,” it is hereby ordered that:

1. The first sentence of section 1(b) of Executive Order No. 12640 be amended by deleting the words “four Vice Chairmen” and inserting the words “six Vice Chairs” in lieu thereof; and

2. The words “Vice Chair” or “Vice Chairs” be inserted in lieu of the words “Vice Chairman” and “Vice Chairmen,” respectively, wherever such words appear in Executive Order No. 12640.

William J. Clinton

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Statement on the Death of John White
January 20, 1995

Hillary and I were deeply saddened to learn of the death of former Democratic National Committee Chairman John White. Our prayers are with Nellie and his family at this difficult time. I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with him and learn from him. His decency, perseverance, and humor are a model for all of us who face the challenges and possibilities within our political system to move ideas forward and improve people’s lives. John dedicated his life in service to the Democratic Party and this Nation. As Democrats gather from across the country to formally elect new leadership this weekend, memories of his sharp wit and tireless commitment will be in our hearts.

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The President’s Radio Address
January 21, 1995

Good morning. I know I speak for all Americans this week when I send my condolences to the victims of the terrible earthquake in Japan. And to the families of the American victims of that tragedy, let me say, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

If there’s any consolation to be found in this kind of disaster, it’s that nature’s worst brings out humanity’s best. I’m proud of the many Americans who joined the massive Japanese relief effort, like the engineers from the University of California at San Diego who flew to Osaka on their own dime and then walked to Kobe to pitch in. They’re a fine example of the American inclination to reach out when others are in need.

This week, we as a nation were called upon to address a different kind of crisis closer to home, the financial crisis in Mexico. We had to act not just for Mexico’s sake but for the sake of the millions of Americans whose jobs and livelihoods are tied to Mexico’s well-being and to the well-being of other nations around the world that could be affected by the difficulties in Mexico.

I’m grateful to the leadership in Congress from both parties. They shared my sense of