

**The President.** I have nothing to add to what I've said before. I believe what he did was legal, and the Justice Department has to make its own determination, which I'm confident they will do, based on the law.

#### **Middle East Peace Process**

**Q.** Back on the bombing, sir——

**The President.** Yes?

**Q.**——what does this do to the peace process, do you believe?

**The President.** I would hope it would give it added urgency. It is obvious that when things are hanging in limbo, all sides become more vulnerable to the enemies of peace, and particularly the people of Israel become more vulnerable to the terrorists who desperately do not want to see this peace process proceed. They do not want a peaceful resolution of the differences between the Israelis and the Palestinians. They do not want us to be able to go forward to see an ultimate resolution with the Syrians and the Lebanese. Hamas does not want that. Hamas and the other terrorists, they thrive on anger and anxiety and uncertainty and being able to inject their murderers into this situation.

So what I hope will happen is that we will see—we believe we've made some progress. Mr. Ross went out there—on the security cooperation, and I hope we'll see some more, and I hope we'll see that this peace process can get going again.

I think it's all the more important for Secretary Albright to go, and I've made it clear. And I tried to call Prime Minister Netanyahu. He was in the hospital with the victims and so he was unable to take my call, but I look forward to a discussion with him. I think it's important that she go on and go right out there, and we keep pushing this thing.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:18 p.m. at the press pool holding area. In his remarks, he referred to Special Middle East Coordinator Dennis B. Ross and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of Israel.

#### **Message to the Congress Transmitting a Report on United States Government Activities in the United Nations**

*September 4, 1997*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am pleased to transmit herewith a report of the activities of the United States Government in the United Nations and its affiliated agencies during calendar year 1996. The report is required by the United Nations Participation Act (Public Law 264, 79th Congress; 22 U.S.C. 287b).

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
September 4, 1997.

NOTE: This message was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 5.

#### **Message to the Congress Transmitting the Report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority**

*September 4, 1997*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with section 701 of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-454; 5 U.S.C. 7104(e)), I am pleased to transmit the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for Fiscal Year 1996.

The report includes information on the cases heard and decisions rendered by the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the General Counsel of the Authority, and the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
September 4, 1997.

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