

of it has to be to better train people within our borders to do this work.

For many years, your foundation has made this a top priority, and many individual firms have, as well. Cisco Systems is now working to establish a networking academy, for example, in every empowerment zone high school that wants one. These academies will provide students with the skills they need to get certified for jobs in information technology. It's like giving a student a first-class ticket to a high-skill, high-wage future. We have to do more of that.

Because you have done so well, I would argue that you have larger responsibilities as citizens than those who have not. And many of you are fulfilling them remarkably.

The last thing I'd like to say is this: You were very kind when I spoke about Kosovo earlier—kind to stand, maybe just hoping I was through with my speech. [*Laughter*] I believe there is a hunger for substantive information on the part of our citizens greater than I have ever seen before. And the more you give them ways to get information, the more hungry they feel. But keep in mind, you can sit in front of your television and channel-surf all night long. You can have 50 channels, or 70 or 80 or 90. You may pick up a lot of facts, and you may go to bed bleary-eyed at 3 in the morning, and the next day your understanding of what it is you have seen or heard might not be any greater.

And so the last thing I would like to say is, with your employees, with those in the community with whom you work, help people to understand that the forces of globalization can be good, but they present challenges that must be met. Help people understand that the forces of decentralization, of the breaking up of old blocs can be a magnificent story of individual empowerment and democratization, but they, too, present challenges that must be met.

I have done everything I could to fashion a Government that could do its part to meet those challenges. It's the smallest Government we've had since President Kennedy was here. It has given more power to States and localities. It works more with community groups and churches and social programs. It does a lot of things that need to be done badly, and I'm sure we can do better.

But in the end, there will be these gaps, and someone must be standing in the gap to reaffirm our basic devotion to freedom and democracy, to peace and prosperity, and to the principle that we must be a community, that out of many we are one, and that we are still about the business of our Founding Fathers, forming a more perfect Union.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:25 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the J.W. Marriott Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to John E. Major, chairman, Electronic Industries Alliance; Richard A. McGinn, chairman and chief executive officer, Lucent Technologies; Brig. Gen. Hiram (Doc) Jones, USAF, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, who gave the invocation; Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom; Gov. James S. Gilmore III of Virginia; and President Slobodan Milosevic of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

Statement on the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty March 31, 1999

I am very pleased that yesterday negotiators from the 30 countries that are party to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) reached an agreement setting the stage for a final adapted treaty. All countries agreed to deeper limits on their conventional forces and stronger measures to ensure compliance. The decision preserves NATO's ability to fulfill its post-cold-war missions, to ensure its new members are full military partners, and to deepen its engagement with Partnership For Peace states. It also takes into account the interests of non-NATO states and helps fulfill the commitment President Yeltsin and I made last September to conclude a final adapted treaty by the OSCE summit this year.

At a time when we are trying to end a pattern of escalating insecurity, brutality, and armed conflict in the Balkans, I am gratified that these 30 countries, comprising the vast majority of European nations, are moving in a different direction. Together, we are building a Europe in which armies prepare to stand beside their neighbors, not against them, and security depends on cooperation, not competition.

**Executive Order 13117—Further
Amendment to Executive Order
12981, as Amended**

March 31, 1999

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and in order to further the implementation of the reorganization of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) into the Department of State, in this instance by eliminating ACDA's vote on dual-use export license decisions in the administration of export controls, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 12981, as amended ("Executive Order 12981"), is further amended as follows:

Section 1. The second sentence of section 1 of Executive Order 12981 is amended by deleting ", and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency".

Sec. 2. The second sentence of section 5(a)(1)(A) of Executive Order 12981 is amended by adding "and" after "the Secretary of Defense" and before "the Secretary of Energy," and deleting ", and the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency."

Sec. 3. The first sentence of section 5(a)(2) of Executive Order 12981 is amended by deleting ", and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency."

Sec. 4. The second sentence of section 5(a)(3)(A) of Executive Order 12981 is amended by deleting ", and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency."

Sec. 5. The first sentence of section 6 of Executive Order 12981 is amended by deleting "and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency".

William J. Clinton

The White House,
March 31, 1999.

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**Executive Order 13118—
Implementation of the Foreign
Affairs Reform and Restructuring
Act of 1998**

March 31, 1999

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 621 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2381), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Part 1–1 of Executive Order 12163, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"1–1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

"1–100. Delegation of Functions. (a) Exclusive of the functions otherwise delegated, or reserved to the President, by this order, Executive Order 12884, Executive Order 11579, and Executive Order 12757, and subject to the provisions of such orders, there are hereby delegated to the Secretary of State (referred to in this Part as the "Secretary") all functions conferred upon the President by:

"(1) the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 *et seq.*) ("Act");

(i) except that with respect to section 505(a) of the Act, such functions only insofar as those functions relate to other provisions which may be required by the President or only insofar as they relate to consent;

(ii) except that with respect to section 505(b) of the Act, such functions only insofar as those functions pertain to countries that agree to the conditions set forth therein;

"(2) section 1205(b) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985 ("ISDCA of 1985");

"(3) section 8(d) of the Act of January 12, 1971 (22 U.S.C. 2321b(d));

"(4) section 607 of the International Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Act of 1976 (22 U.S.C. 2394a);

"(5) section 402(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code, which shall be exercised in consultation with the Secretary of Defense;