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And finally, my budget aids community and faith-based groups that help our cities take on the worst of our social problems. So I'm so pleased that John DiIulio is here, who's spearheading this effort. We support local efforts to fight illiteracy and teen pregnancy and drug addiction. We promote mentoring programs, especially for the large number of children with a parent in prison.

This summer I look forward to going to Philadelphia to join Mayor John Street as he shows the Nation the compassionate work his city's faith-based and community organizations are doing. These organizations have a message of hope for all American cities, and my budget has a message of hope for them. We will support the caring acts of caring people and not turn them away because they are inspired by the Bible or the Koran.

These are some of my priorities, and we fund them. We repay all the available public debt in my budget. We establish a contingency fund for future needs, and then we reduce taxes to accelerate our economy's slowing growth. We reduce taxes, because we understand many in your cities are struggling to get ahead. We must reduce taxes in order to help pay for the high energy bills that many are now suffering. And we must always remember that the Federal surplus is not the Government's money. The Federal surplus is the people's money.

This is a budget that is reasonable, balanced, and sound. It's a budget that is good for America's cities, which means it's a budget that's good for America.

Thank you all for coming, and God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:18 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor H. Brent Coles of Boise, ID, president, Mayor Marc H. Morial of New Orleans, LA, vice president, Mayor Thomas M. Menino of Boston, MA, advisory board chair, and J. Thomas Cochran, executive director, U.S. Conference of Mayors; Mayor Victor H. Ashe of Knoxville, TN; Mayor Dennis W. Archer of Detroit, MI; Mayor Patrick McCrory of Charlotte, NC; Mayor Anthony A. Williams of Washington, DC; Hideo Nomo, pitcher, Boston Red Sox; and Robert L. Johnson, chairman and chief executive officer, BET Holdings, Inc.

Executive Order 13207—Further Amendment to Executive Order 10000, Regulations Governing Additional Compensation and Credit Granted Certain Employees of the Federal Government Serving Outside the United States

April 5, 2001

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 10000, as amended, is further amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 201 is amended:

(a) by striking "(a)" and

(b) by striking " and (b) the words 'section 207 of the Act' have the meaning set forth in section 101 hereof."

Sec. 2. Section 205 is amended by striking "(a)" and by striking subsection (b).

Sec. 3. Section 210 is amended:

(a) by striking ", but at least annually," and

(b) by striking "if program or methodology revisions would substantially reduce an established differential or allowance rate, then".

George W. Bush

The White House,
April 5, 2001.

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Remarks on Presenting the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards in Crystal City, Virginia

April 6, 2001

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Mr. Secretary, thank you very much for that kind introduction, and thank you for agreeing to serve your country once again. My friend Don Evans couldn't make it, but we have a pretty darn good replacement with Norm Mineta.

Dr. Wood, thank you very much, sir, for your leadership. You may wonder why Dr. Wood has got such white hair. My mother's

on his board. [*Laughter*] And if she were here, she would say she has white hair because of me. [*Laughter*]

I'm thrilled to see the Baldrige family. Thank you all for being here, and thank you for staying with this award. They tell me you never miss, Midge, and that's important.

I want to congratulate the winners who are here, the CEO's, the leaders, the employees, the rowdy Texans. [*Laughter*]

[*At this point, the audience whistled and cheered.*]

I rest my case. [*Laughter*] It's an honor to be here.

U.S. Navy Aircraft Incident

Before I begin, I would like to update you on the situation in China. Earlier this morning I talked with General Sealock who, once again, visited with our crew for about an hour today and reports that they are doing just fine. They are housed in officers' quarters, and they are being treated well. We're proud of these young men and women who are upholding the high standards of our Armed Forces. We know this is a difficult time for their families, and I thank them for their patriotism and their patience. We're working hard to bring them home through intensive discussions with the Chinese Government, and we think we're making progress.

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards

And now, to the business at hand. It's an honor to be here, to be a part of an award ceremony that has stood the test of time. And the reason why is that it's based on principles, such as high standards, quality, and excellence.

The philosophy of Malcolm Baldrige and the Baldrige Awards make clear that everyone in an organization has a voice, a philosophy which trusts everyone with responsibility. Quality comes from giving people the tools and training their jobs require, the authority they need to do their work the way they think is best, the dignity that comes with knowing that their views matter. To do good work, we need great workers and great companies, such as those represented here, treat great workers with respect and fairness.

The Baldrige way is good business. The hypothetical Baldrige Index, a stock market index composed of the shares of those Baldrige winners that are publicly traded, has outperformed the S&P 500 for 7 years in a row. As the example of Los Alamos National Bank shows, caring for our communities is a form of quality, as well. And that quality will be rewarded with customer satisfaction and customer loyalty.

The Baldrige quality message is coming to health care and to education. Health care and education were added as categories in 1999. I realize there are no winners yet, but 25 organizations applied in '99 and 19 more in the year 2000. I look forward to presenting the first Baldrige Award in these categories soon.

We thank the Baldrige Foundation, the examiners, the judges, the foundation members, all the volunteers who work so hard. And thank you for your devotion to the highest ideals of American business.

These efforts do justice to the memory of an extraordinary man, Malcolm Baldrige, one of this country's outstanding public servants. He served as Commerce Secretary at a time when many doubted that American goods could compete in world markets. He dedicated himself to proving the doubters wrong. He succeeded, and America is stronger thanks to him and the award established to honor him.

Thank you for having me.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:52 p.m. at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Secretary of Transportation and former Secretary of Commerce Norman Y. Mineta; Michael Wood, president, Foundation for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, Inc.; Margaret "Midge" Baldrige, widow of Malcolm Baldrige; and Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, USA, U.S. Embassy Defense Attache in Beijing.

Remarks on Presenting the Horatio Alger Awards

April 6, 2001

Thank you very much. Welcome to the White House.

Wayne, thank you very much for your kind remarks. It is a real honor for me to be here