

the leaders of that culture, our artists and scholars and those who support their work.

Our economy is measured in numbers and statistics, and we got some more good numbers today, and for that I'm very grateful. But nonetheless, in our childhood, at the end of our lives, and in the most important moments in between, we know that our own enduring worth and the enduring worth of our Nation lies in our shared values and our soaring spirit.

Lewis Mumford once wrote, "Love, poetry, disinterested thought, the free use of the imagination—here are the sustaining values of a living culture." Through the work you do and the lives you lead, you are sustaining our living culture and swelling the chorus of American voices.

I have to note, sadly, as many of you must doubtless know now, that we lost one of those great voices today when Roy Lichtenstein passed away. Two years ago I had the great privilege of giving him the award that I was able to bestow on several of you today. He was especially valuable and treasured by us here in the White House because of his support for our arts and embassies program.

The point I think he would like me to make tonight is that everyone of us, each in our own time, has just a little time, whether we live a short or a long life by conventional standards. Therefore, it falls to everyone of us to make sure that there is a next generation of artists and scholars who have the opportunity to learn and to create, so that the next generation of ideas can take root and grow.

So, tonight, as we celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of the men and women we honor here, let us also rededicate ourselves to that future mission.

Now, I ask you all to join me in raising our glasses in a toast to the 1997 National Medal of Arts and National Humanities Medal recipients.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:43 p.m. on the State Floor at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to artist/painter Roy Lichtenstein, awarded the National Medal of Arts on Oct. 5, 1995.

**Executive Order 13062—  
Continuance of Certain Federal  
Advisory Committees and  
Amendments to Executive Orders  
13038 and 13054**

*September 29, 1997*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1.** Each advisory committee listed below is continued until September 30, 1999.

(a) Committee for the Preservation of the White House; Executive Order 11145, as amended (Department of the Interior).

(b) Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health; Executive Order 12196, as amended (Department of Labor).

(c) National Partnership Council; Executive Order 12871, as amended (Office of Personnel Management).

(d) President's Advisory Commission on Education Excellence for Hispanic Americans; Executive Order 12900 (Department of Education).

(e) President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; Executive Order 12876 (Department of Education).

(f) President's Commission on White House Fellowships; Executive Order 11183, as amended (Office of Personnel Management).

(g) President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology; Executive Order 12882 (Office of Science and Technology Policy).

(h) President's Committee of the Arts and the Humanities; Executive Order 12367, as amended (National Endowment for the Arts).

(i) President's Committee on the International Labor Organization; Executive Order 12216 (Department of Labor).

(j) President's Committee on the National Medal of Science; Executive Order 11287, as amended (National Science Foundation).

(k) President's Committee on Mental Retardation; Executive Order 12994 (Department of Health and Human Services).

(l) President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; Executive Order 12345, as amended (Department of Health and Human Services).

(m) President's Export Council; Executive Order 12131, as amended (Department of Commerce).

(n) President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee; Executive Order 12832, as amended (Department of Defense).

(o) Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee; Executive Order 12905 (Office of the United States Trade Representative).

**Sec. 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Executive order, the functions of the President under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that are applicable to the committees listed in section 1 of this order, except that of reporting annually to the Congress, shall be performed by the head of the department or agency designated after each committee, in accordance with the guidelines and procedures established by the Administrator of General Services.

**Sec. 3.** The following Executive orders which established committees that have terminated and whose work is completed, are revoked:

(a) Executive Order 12891, establishing the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments;

(b) Executive Order 12964, as amended by Executive Orders 12987 and 13032, establishing the Commission on United States-Pacific Trade and Investment Policy;

(c) Executive Order 12946, establishing the President's Advisory Board on Arms Proliferation Policy;

(d) Executive Order 12864, as amended by Executive Orders 12890, 12921, and 12970, establishing the United States Advisory Council on the National Information Infrastructure; and

(e) Executive Order 13015, establishing the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security.

**Sec. 4.** Executive Order 12974 is superseded.

**Sec. 5** In Executive Order 13038, the second sentence of section 1 is amended by deleting "15" and inserting "22" in lieu thereof.

**Sec. 6.** Executive Order 13054 is amended by revising section 1 to read as follows: "A United States citizen who is a family member of a Federal civilian employee who has separated from Federal service to accept employment with the American Institute in Taiwan pursuant to section 11 of Public Law 96-8 (22 U.S.C. 3310(a)) may be appointed non-competitively in a manner similar to non-competitive appointments under Executive Order 12721 and implementing regulations of the Office of Personnel Management to a competitive service position in the executive branch, provided such family member meets the qualifications and other requirements established by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, including an appropriate period of satisfactory overseas employment with the American Institute in Taiwan."

**Sec. 7.** This order shall be effective September 30, 1997.

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
September 29, 1997.

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NOTE: This Executive order was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 30, and it was published in the *Federal Register* on October 2.

### **Remarks on Congressional Action on Education Legislation and an Exchange With Reporters** *September 30, 1997*

**The President.** I have said that I had no higher priority than getting our children the best education in the world in the 21st century and that to achieve that politics must stop at the schoolhouse door. I'm committed to making sure every 8-year-old can read, every 12-year-old can log on to the Internet, every 18-year-old can go on to college, every adult can continue to learn through a lifetime. And we have made significant progress in our efforts to strengthen, improve, and hold more accountable public education.

As Congress continues to debate the education bill this fall, it's become clear that