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Executive Order 13105—Open Enrollment Season for Participants in the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System

November 2, 1998

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 827 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4067) and section 292 of the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 (50 U.S.C. 2141), and in order to conform further the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability System, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. In conjunction with section 860 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4071i), the Secretary of State shall issue regulations providing for an open enrollment period from November 1, 1998, to April 30, 1999, during which employee participants in the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System may elect to become subject to the Foreign Service Pension System.

Sec. 2 In conjunction with section 307(a) of the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 (50 U.S.C. 2157(a)), the Director shall provide for an open enrollment period from November 1, 1998, to April 30, 1999, during which employee participants in the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System may elect to become subject to the Federal Employees' Retirement System, comparable to the election for civil service employees provided for by the Federal Employees' Retirement System Open Enrollment Act of 1997, Public Law 105-61.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
November 2, 1998.

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Remarks Prior to a Meeting With the Economic Team and an Exchange With Reporters

November 3, 1998

Hurricane Mitch

The President. I'd like to begin by making a few comments about the tragedy that has been unfolding in Central America. Hurricane Mitch has already claimed thousands of lives in Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala. Many thousands more are in urgent need of food and shelter. Across the region, communities have been devastated, bridges washed out, agriculture disrupted, schools and hospitals destroyed.

These nations are our neighbors. They all have people who are a part of our country now. They are both close to our shores and close to our hearts. We must do whatever we can to help, and we will.

Already, we have provided almost \$3.5 million to airlift food, plastic sheeting, water containers, and blankets into the region. We've provided military aircraft and helicopters to get supplies to isolated areas, and deployed a disaster assistance response team to each affected country. We will be consulting with our friends in Central America and our people on the ground to see what more we can do in the days ahead.

International Economy

Now I am about to begin a meeting with my economic team to discuss a range of global economic issues. Over the long run, if our economy is to continue to grow, the economies of our trading partners must also continue to grow. Yet a full quarter of the world's population now lives in countries with declining or negative economic growth. This presents to us the biggest financial challenge in half a century.