

casualties are greatly reduced as a result. The amazing performance of the Air Force in the Persian Gulf War, which by all accounts dramatically reduced the number of American lives lost in that conflict, shows just how much we all owe our brave airmen.

In addition to its critical defense role, the Air Force has been highly active in humanitarian and relief efforts over the years. One of the most famous of these undertakings was the Berlin airlift between June 1948 and June 1949. The largest airlift/evacuation in American history occurred in 1991 when the Air Force moved 52,000 military personnel and dependents from the Philippines to the U.S. following the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo. An airlift in February of 1992 provided food and medicine to Russia in Operation Provide Hope. Operation Provide Promise, a relief effort into Sarajevo in 1992, was the longest sustained humanitarian airlift in history. The Air Force has also been involved in hundreds and hundreds of other relief missions all over the world in response to earthquakes, hurricanes, and other natural disasters.

I would like to take this opportunity to note the contributions made by Minnesotans and those men and women serving at Minnesota's Air Force bases. These airmen have made a vital contribution to the success of the Air Force over the past 53 years. I would like to thank in particular those serving at Minnesota's Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard facilities, specifically the airmen of the 934th Airlift Wing and 133rd Airlift Wing in Minneapolis and the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth who keep our C-130s and F-16s flying. These men and women deserve our thanks for making sure that we will always be prepared to face with confidence any future threats to our nation's security.

On behalf of all Minnesotans, I thank the members of the Air Force for their selfless devotion to our nation's defense. Throughout the history of the Air Force, its members have made countless sacrifices for their country, from the financial struggles all too often faced by service members and their families, to the high price paid by those who have been wounded, taken prisoner, or killed in battle. A grateful nation will always be in their debt.

I'm sure my colleagues will join me in recognizing the rich heritage and dedicated service of the United States Air Force on its anniversary.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS PAYMENTS MADE TO CUBA PURSUANT TO TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC LICENSES—MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 128

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Public Law 104-114, 110 Stat. 785, I transmit herewith a semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 19, 2000.

PRESIDENT'S PERIODIC REPORT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS PAYMENTS MADE TO CUBA PURSUANT TO TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC LICENSES

This report is submitted pursuant to section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6) (the "CDA"), as amended by Section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Public Law 104-114, 110 Stat. 785, 22 U.S.C. 6021-91 (March 12, 1996) (the "LIBERTAD Act"), which requires that I "submit to the Congress on a semiannual basis a report detailing payments made to Cuba by any United States person as a result of the provision of telecommunications services authorized by this subsection.

The CDA, which provides that telecommunications services are permitted between the United States and Cuba, specifically authorizes the President to provide for these payments by license. The CDA states that licenses may be issued for full or partial payment of amounts due as a result of provision of telecommunications services authorized by this subsection, but shall not require any withdrawal from a blocked account. Following enactment of the CDA on October 23, 1992, a number of U.S. telecommunications companies successfully negotiated agreements to provide telecommunications services between the United States and Cuba consistent with policy guidelines developed by the Department of State and the Federal Communications Commission.

Subsequent to enactment of the CDA, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") amended the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515 (the "CACR"), to provide for specific licensing on a case-by-case basis for certain transactions incident to the receipt or transmission of telecommunications between the United States and Cuba, 31 C.F.R. 515.542(c), including settlement of charges under traffic agreements.

OFAC has issued eight (8) licenses authorizing transactions incident to the receipt of transmission of telecommunications between the United States and Cuba since the enactment of the CDA. None of these licenses permits payments from a blocked account. The

licenses are AT&T Corporation (formerly, American Telephone and Telegraph Company), AT&T de Puerto Rico, IDB WorldCom Services, Inc. (formerly, IDB Communications, Inc.), MCI International, Inc. (formerly, MCI Communications Corporation), Telefonica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc., WilTel, Inc. (Formerly, WilTel Underseas Cable, Inc.), WorldCom, Inc. (formerly, LDDS Communications, Inc.), and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (formerly, Global One, and prior to that, Sprint Incorporated).

During the period January 1 through June 30, 2000, the licensees transferred funds to the Cuban telecommunications company Empresa de Telecomunicaciones de Cuba, S.A. ("ETECSA") to settle current charges for its portion of jointly provided international telecommunications services. In addition, many of the licensees transferred funds earned by ETECSA in prior periods but not transferred in those prior periods due to pending litigation (Alejandre v. the Republic of Cuba et al.). Pursuant to changes in corporate accounting practices, payments on behalf of AT&T de Puerto Rico are now being disbursed by AT&T Corporation. The aggregated funds transferred during the period January 1 through June 30, 2000 totaled:

AT&T Corporation (formerly, American Telephone and Telegraph Company)	\$17,331,979
Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (formerly Global One, Sprint Incorporated)	6,033,989
IDB WorldCom Services, Inc. (formerly, IDB Communications, Inc.)	1,234,773
MCI International, Inc. (formerly, MCI Communications Corporation) ...	4,373,238
Telefonica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc.	367,936
WilTel, Inc. (formerly, WilTel Underseas Cable, Inc.)	897,435
WorldCom, Inc. (formerly, LDDS Communications, Inc.)	4,496,465
Total	34,735,815

I shall continue to report semiannually on OFAC-licensed telecommunications payments.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 1113. An act to assist in the development and implementation of projects to provide for the control of drainage, storm, flood and other waters as part of water-related integrated resource management, environment infrastructure, and resource protection and development projects in the Colusa Basin Watershed, California.

H.R. 1715. An act to extend the expiration date of the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2271. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail.

H.R. 2798. An act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and California for salmon

habitat restoration projects in coastal waters and upland drainages.

H.R. 2799. An act to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the Act.

H.R. 2984. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey to the Loup Basin Reclamation District, the Sargent River Irrigation District, and the Farwell Irrigation District, Nebraska, property comprising the assets of the Middle Loup Division of the Missouri River Basin Project, Nebraska.

H.R. 4096. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to produce currency, postage stamps, and other security documents at the request of foreign governments, and security documents at the request of the individual States or any political subdivision thereof, on a reimbursable basis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4226. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with the Black Hills National Forest.

H.R. 4643. An act to provide for the settlement of issues and claims related to the trust lands of the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4931. An act to provide for the training or orientation of individuals, during a Presidential transition, who the President intends to appoint to certain key positions, to provide for a study and report on improving the financial disclosure process for certain Presidential nominees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5010. An act to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to commemorate the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5193. An act to amend the National Housing Act to temporarily extend the applicability of the down payment simplification provisions for the FHA single family housing mortgage insurance program.

The message also announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4919) entitled "An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes," and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and appoint the following Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GOODLING, and Mr. GEJDENSON, to be the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the Senate amendment to the following bill, with an amendment:

H.R. 1651. An act to amend the Fisherman's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such a vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the Senate amend-

ment to the following bill, with an amendment:

H.R. 2909. An act to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1849. An act to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1113. An act to assist in the development and implementation of projects to provide for the control of drainage, storm, flood and other waters as part of water-related integrated resource management, environmental infrastructure, and resource protection and development projects in the Colusa Basin Watershed, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2798. An act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and California for salmon habitat restoration projects in coastal waters and upland drainages; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2799. An act to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2984. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey to the Loup Basin Reclamation District, the Sargent River Irrigation District, and the Farwell Irrigation District, Nebraska, property comprising the assets of the Middle Loup Division of the Missouri River Basin Project, Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4096. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to produce currency, postage stamps, and other security documents at the request of foreign governments, and security documents at the request of the individual States or any political subdivision thereof, on a reimbursable basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4643. An act to provide for the settlement of issues and claims related to the trust lands of the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 5010. An act to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to commemorate the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2271. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail.

H.R. 4226. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with the Black Hills National Forest.

H.R. 4931. A bill to provide for the training or orientation of individuals, during a Presidential transition, who the President intends to appoint to certain key positions, to provide for a study and report on improving the financial disclosure process for certain Presidential nominees, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

On September 12, 2000, the following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which was referred as indicated:

EC-10678. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of Fishery for Loligo Squid" received on September 8, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

On September 19, 2000, the following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-10795. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the OMB Sequestration Update Report for fiscal year 2000, referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Environment and Public Works; Energy and Natural Resources; Finance; Foreign Relations; Governmental Affairs; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business; Veterans' Affairs; Indian Affairs; and Intelligence.

EC-10796. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel of the Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Depositories and Financial Agents of the Federal Government (31 CFR Part 202)" (RIN1510-AA75) received on September 8, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10797. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel of the Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acceptance of Bonds Secured by Government Obligations in Lieu of Bonds with Sureties (31 CFR Part 225)" (RIN1510-AA77) received on September 8, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10798. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel of the Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment of Federal Taxes