

of the status quo have tried everything in recent days to show that we don't need new investments. But they've forgotten: We tried cutting investments for years; we forgot about the human equation, the necessity to train and educate people. And guess what? We didn't get jobs.

We still have a jobless economic recovery. If this were even an average recovery, we'd have 3 million more Americans working today. Many of the jobs that were created last month were part-time jobs. And the unemployment rate is still higher today than it was at the bottom of the recession.

This job drought has put individuals and families under great stress. Americans don't want handouts; they just want a hand up, a chance to work and to provide for their own. And our plan does just that. In doing so, we'll be on our way to a real job-creating recovery that gets the incomes of American workers growing again.

We have to raise the living standards of our people now and in the long run. To keep our preeminence in the world economy, we have to create a smarter work force, with life-long learning that trains all our people for better, higher paying jobs. And we need to develop the new technologies that are farsighted, that will create the high-wage jobs of today and tomorrow. If we're shortsighted today, we'll be blindsided tomorrow.

That's why I'm working hard, not just on this economic plan, although it is the centerpiece of our efforts, but on other fronts too: from controlling health care costs and providing the security of health care to all Americans; to moving people from welfare into jobs; to correcting the way we finance campaigns, to bring the people in and move the special interests out. Each step of the way, I'm trying to listen to you. What happens on the short stretch of road between 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and Capitol Hill is only meaningful if we're acting for you and with you. This is the promise of our new plan for new directions.

Thanks for listening.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:06 a.m. from the Oval Office at the White House. A tape was

not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Exchange With Reporters in Little Rock, Arkansas

March 29, 1993

Aid to Russia

Q. Sir, three-quarters of Americans say we're already giving enough aid to Russia.

The President. We give a lot more money than we give to Russia to smaller countries. We've got a big interest there. And I realize that the responsibility is on me to communicate to the American people any kind of pay package I propose and to justify it. That's my responsibility, and I intend to assume it.

Q. Where would you get another billion dollars, sir?

The President. We're working on the details of it. We'll be able to announce something—

Q. Are you concerned by these latest poll figures, sir, that many Americans, 75 percent of the Americans, think we already give the Russians enough?

The President. Well, foreign aid is unpopular in every country in the world, and it's always been unpopular here. And I haven't really had a chance to talk much directly to the American people about what's going on there, what our stake in it and what their stake in it is, what the American people's stake in it. The American people are smart enough to know that we can't determine the course of events in Russia all by ourselves. They know that. But we can have an impact on it. And my job as President is to convince the citizens of this country that they have an immediate and personal interest in the outcome of events. I think I can do it, and I'm going to do my best.

NOTE: The exchange began at 11:05 a.m. outside the U.S. Male barbershop. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Nomination of Brian Atwood To Be Administrator of the Agency for International Development

March 29, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate Brian Atwood as Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

“Secretary Christopher and I have concluded that the skills that Brian Atwood brings to the State Department are greatly needed at AID,” said the President. “I am confident that he will be the kind of effective administrator that our foreign assistance programs need at this time. His proven effectiveness and his commitment to democratic change make him an ideal choice.”

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination of David Longanecker and Sharon Porter Robinson To Be Assistant Secretaries of Education

March 29, 1993

The President named two national education leaders to key positions at the Department of Education today, expressing his intention to nominate Colorado education official David Longanecker to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education and education innovator Sharon Porter Robinson to be Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

“I have pledged to make the Department of Education a center for innovative policy-making,” said the President. “David Longanecker and Sharon Porter Robinson will join with Secretary Riley and the rest of his team to bring the leadership that will make that happen.”

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Executive Order 12842—International Development Law Institute

March 29, 1993

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 1 of the International Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288), and in light of the Act of Congress authorizing the participation of the United States in the International Development Law Institute, section 805 of the Freedom Support Act of 1992, Public Law 102-511, I hereby designate the International Development Law Institute as a public international organization entitled to enjoy the privileges, exemptions, and immunities conferred by the International Organizations Immunities Act. This designation is not intended to abridge in any respect the privileges, exemptions, or immunities that such organization may have acquired or may acquire by international agreements or by congressional action.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
March 29, 1993.

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NOTE: This Executive order was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 30, and it was published in the *Federal Register* on April 1.

Nomination of Ruth Harkin To Be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation

March 30, 1993

The President today announced his intention to nominate Ruth Harkin, a top corporate attorney with expertise in international trade and investment, as President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

“Ruth Harkin has the experience, know-how and new ideas to make OPIC an innova-