

of eight sets of individual claims with the Commission, bringing U.S. claims filed to roughly 3,000 with a total asserted value of over \$205 million. In addition, the U.S. Government intends to submit this summer numerous corporate claims filed by American corporations and is currently reviewing over 180 claims by U.S. businesses for possible submission to the UNCC. The asserted value of U.S. corporate claims received to date is about \$1.6 billion.

During the week of March 21, 1994, the Commission's Governing Council adopted decisions on how to allocate future funds among different claimants and how to ensure that payments made to claimants through national governments would be made in a timely, fair, and efficient manner. Meanwhile, a panel of commissioners began to work on the first set of individual claims for serious personal injury or death. The panel is expected to report its findings to the Governing Council in its spring meeting, scheduled for May 1994.

U.N. Security Council Resolution 778 permits the use of a portion of frozen Iraqi oil assets to fund crucial U.N. activities concerning Iraq, including humanitarian relief, UNSCOM, and the Compensation Commission. (The funds will be repaid, with interest, from Iraqi oil revenues as soon as Iraqi oil exports resume.) The United States is prepared to transfer to a U.N.-managed escrow account up to \$200 million in frozen Iraqi oil assets held in U.S. financial institutions, provided that U.S. contributions do not exceed 50 percent of the total amount contributed by all countries. We have arranged a total of about \$113 million in such matching contributions thus far.

Iraq still has not met its obligations concerning Kuwaitis and third-country nationals it detained during the war. Iraq has taken no substantive steps to cooperate fully with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), as required by UNSCR 687, although it has received more than 600 files on missing individuals. We continue to work for Iraqi compliance.

Examples of Iraqi noncooperation and noncompliance continue in other areas. For instance, reliable reports indicate that the Government of Iraq is offering reward

money for terrorist acts against U.N. and humanitarian relief workers in Iraq. The offering of bounty for such acts, as well as the commission of such acts, in our view, constitute violations of UNSCRs 687 and 688. In the latest series of attacks on the international relief community, there were two incidents in which members of the U.N. Guard Contingent in Iraq were shot and seriously wounded in March 1994.

As I stated in my last report to you on this issue, Iraq can rejoin the community of civilized nations only through democratic processes, respect for human rights, equal treatment of its people, and adherence to basic norms of international behavior. Iraq's government should represent all Iraq's people and be committed to the territorial integrity and unity of Iraq. The Iraqi National Congress (INC) espouses these goals, the fulfillment of which would make Iraq a stabilizing force in the Gulf region.

I am grateful for the support by the Congress of our efforts.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Robert C. Byrd, President pro tempore of the Senate.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

April 2

In the morning, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled from San Diego, CA, to Charlotte, NC, where they attended the NCAA basketball championship semi-final game at Charlotte Coliseum. In the evening, they returned to Washington, DC.

April 4

In the morning, the President traveled to Cleveland, OH. Following his arrival in the afternoon, he attended the Cleveland Indians opening day game at Jacobs Field and threw the ceremonial first ball of the 1994 baseball season.

In the evening, the President traveled to Charlotte, NC, where he attended the NCAA basketball championship final at Charlotte Coliseum.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lt. Col. Linda M. Hooks, USA, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Acquisition and Facilities.

April 5

In the morning, the President went to Troy, NC, where he toured Montgomery County Hospital and met with patients. The President returned to Washington, DC, in the evening.

April 6

In the morning, the President traveled to Bowling Green, KY. He returned to Washington, DC, in the early evening.

Later, in the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton attended a gala performance of the Royal Ballet at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

April 7

In the morning, the President traveled to Topeka, KS. In the afternoon, he went to Kansas City, MO. In the evening, the President traveled to Minneapolis, MN.

April 8

In the morning, the President attended a health care rally in the Crystal Courtyard Atrium of the IDS Tower.

In the evening, the President participated in the "Health Care in the Heartland" town meeting at KSTP television station in St. Paul, MN. He returned to Washington, DC, later that evening.

The White House announced that the President will host the Summit of the Americas in Miami, FL, on December 9–10.

The President announced his intention to make the following nominations:

Timothy A. Chorba to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore;

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Donna Jean Hrinak to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic;

Johnny Young to be Ambassador to the Republic of Togo;

Joseph Edward Lake to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania;

Irvin Hicks to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ethiopia;

Myles Robert Rene Frechette to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, and;

Peter R. Chaveas to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released April 6

Transcripts of two press briefings by Special Counsel to the President Lloyd Cutler on the selection and nomination of a Justice of the United States Supreme Court

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers making available a letter from David E. Kendall, personal attorney to President and Mrs. Clinton, to Sam Heuer, attorney to James McDougal

Released April 8

Transcript of press briefing by Director of Media Affairs Jeff Eller, and KSTP-TV general manager Harold Crump and News director Dean Bunting on the President's town meeting in Minneapolis, MN

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on Vice President Albert Gore's intention to meet with King Hassan II during his planned visit to Morocco on April 14