

Haiti

Q. Can you tell us whether you're thinking of changing your Haiti policy regarding the return of the refugees given the escalation of violence?

The President. We've had our Haiti policy under review, as you know, for the last 3 or 4 weeks. And we had a meeting about it today. We're going to meet again tomorrow. And I think we may have some announcements to make after that.

Q. About changing the policy on the refugees, sir?

Q. Have you tasked the Defense Department to do some military options just in case these sanctions cut today don't work?

The President. I don't want to discuss that. As I have said, I do not favor that option. I just don't think we can rule it out. I think it would be irresponsible to rule it out.

Q. You do not favor that option?

The President. Well, I've never favored—you know what I favor. What I've been trying to do is to get Governors Island followed. I'm trying—I think the people down there ought to keep their word. But we certainly can't afford to rule it out.

Q. Do you think you might have announcements regarding the refugee policy, was that what you were referring to?

The President. I don't have—I'll make an announcement when I have something to say about Haiti policy. But I don't have anything else to say.

Q. Are you referring to the refugee policy?

The President. I have nothing else to say about it.

[At this point, one group of reporters left the room and another group entered.]

Prime Minister Mahathir

Q. Mr. President, you missed Dr. Mahathir in Seattle. Now that you have met him personally, how do you feel about it?

The President. Well, we haven't had a chance to visit yet, but I have been looking forward to this for a long time. I admire his leadership very much, and I admire the incredible accomplishments of his nation under his leadership over the last several years. And I look forward to establishing a good relationship with him and continuing our partnership.

I'm also very grateful for the security partnership we have had and for the contributions that have been made by Malaysia to the operation in Bosnia, to the operation in Somalia, and to being a responsible leader in world affairs.

So we've got a lot to talk about and I'm looking forward to it.

NOTE: The exchange began at 2:55 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. In his remarks, the President referred to former Arkansas State employee Paula Jones and attorney Robert Bennett. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Proclamation 6683—Mother's Day, 1994

May 5, 1994

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

With the signing of the first Mother's Day Proclamation 80 years ago, President Woodrow Wilson set aside the second Sunday in May as a special time to pay tribute to America's mothers. This year I join with Americans across this great land on May 8, 1994, to honor our mothers with the appreciation and affection they so richly deserve.

Indisputably, the role of mothers has changed greatly in the last half-century. They are bread makers and breadwinners, heads of households and heads of state, caretakers of elderly parents and of newborn infants. They are also volunteers in our communities, schools, and religious organizations. Mothers find time to inspire and challenge their children to dream big dreams and to do good deeds. They provide encouragement to their children to reach for the stars and to strive for excellence. When our mothers succeed, our children succeed. When children succeed, our Nation's future is assured.

Mothers are not only our life-givers, but they are also our nurturers who sustain us with deep and unconditional love. In a world of constant change, they establish a reliable foundation of unchanging values. By instilling strong moral principles and showing concern for social improvement and well-being,

mothers have used their talents, ideals, and energies to shape our families, communities, and Nation. For their abiding devotion, love, patience, and loyalty, mothers, whether biological, foster, or adoptive, hold an enduring place in our hearts. They are anchors of their American families—our Nation's most important source of strength. My own mother's courage and determination profoundly influenced me in so many ways, and she will always remain a guiding force throughout my life.

Mother's Day gives us time to pause and reflect on the manner in which mothers contribute to their families and the Nation through their hard work, dedication, and daily sacrifices. We can best observe Mother's Day by expressing our thanks and our gratitude for the blessings and bounties that motherhood holds.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 8, 1994, as "Mother's Day." I urge all Americans to express their love and respect for their mothers and to consider how much they have contributed to the well-being of our country. I call upon all citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's Telephone Conversation With Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou of Greece
May 6, 1994

President Clinton spoke yesterday with Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou

regarding efforts to resolve issues relating to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Cyprus. The President expressed his hope that the differences between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia could be resolved quickly. The President underscored the importance of the U.N. negotiating process led by Cyrus Vance and supported by U.S. Special Envoy Matthew Nimetz. The President and Prime Minister Papandreou agreed that the issue ought to be resolved promptly. President Clinton also expressed his support for the U.N.-sponsored confidence building measures in Cyprus which he said were the best hope of making progress on issues important to all the parties.

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.

May 2

In the evening, the President met with congressional leaders to discuss the assault weapons ban.

May 3

In the morning, the President traveled to Atlanta, GA. In the afternoon, he was given a tour of the CNN International Studio. He returned to Washington, DC, in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gus A. Owen as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Robert J. Huggett as the Assistant Administrator for Research and Development at the Environmental Protection Agency.

May 4

In the evening, the President attended a fundraiser for Gov. Ann Richards of Texas at the Washington Court Hotel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy Gist to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance.