

think, has been quite key to this. So I feel good about it. I think it's going in the right direction. And it clearly will be a force for stability and democracy in the years ahead in that part of the world.

China and Japan

Q. [*Inaudible*]*—*Secretary Christopher has been consulting with Congress today. Have you got a better idea on what you plan to do about MFN for China and where that's going, and could you share that with us?

President Clinton. Yes, I have an idea of where it's going. No, I'm not prepared to share it with you, because we still have not only ongoing negotiations with Congress but with others as well, and there are a number of things that still have to be resolved. We're working through it as quickly as we can. We will resolve it as quickly as we can.

I do want to say that the United States announced some very good news today. Late last night we reached agreement with the Japanese on returning to our trade talks with them. They are an important part of our long-term strategy for peace and stability and democracy in Asia. And I think that will support what we hope will be a long-term, positive relationship with China and our desire to advance the cause of human rights within the country. I think Japanese—the break there with the negotiations is a big plus. And we've been working hard on it. I talked to Prime Minister Hata today. I'm very encouraged about that. And we'll have the Chinese decision as quickly as we can work through it.

Q. Before you go to Normandy? Before you go to Normandy?

The Cabinet

Q. Is there going to be a Cabinet shakeup?

President Clinton. Sometimes I'm the last to know, but as far as I know there isn't. [*Laughter*] Unless you know something I don't, the answer is no.

Well, the deadline's June 3d. And I don't expect to announce it in Europe.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:16 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. President Ulmanis spoke in Latvian, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

Nomination for a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals

May 24, 1994

The President today nominated Judge José A. Cabranes to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

"Judge Cabranes has an outstanding record of achievement in the legal profession, in academia, and in public service," the President said today. "I am confident that he will continue to serve with excellence and distinction on the appellate bench."

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

Remarks at the United States Naval Academy Commencement Ceremony in Annapolis, Maryland

May 25, 1994

Thank you very much, Secretary Dalton, for those fine remarks. Admiral Lynch, thank you for your comments and your leadership here at the Academy. Admiral Owens, Admiral Boorda, General Mundy, proud parents and family members, faculty and staff of the Academy, brigade of the midshipmen: It's a great honor for me to join you at this moment of celebration. I'm delighted to be back here on the eve of the Academy's 150th year.

Since 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy has provided superb leadership for our Navy, for our Marine Corps, and for our entire Nation. And I cannot imagine a more valuable contribution.

The last time I was here, I joined some of you for lunch at King Hall. And ever since then, whenever people have asked me what I liked best about my visit to the Naval Academy I try to think of elevated things to say, but part of my answer is always pan pizza and chicken tenders. [*Laughter*] In memory of that luxurious meal—[*laughter*]*—*I have today a small graduation present. In keeping with longstanding tradition I hereby grant amnesty to all midshipmen who received demerits for minor conduct offenses. [*Laughter*] See, today the interest group is in the stands, not on the field. [*Laughter*]

Next week I will have the proud responsibility to represent our Nation in Europe in