

Memorandum on Most-Favored-Nation Status for China

May 31, 1996

Presidential Determination No. 96-29

Memorandum for the Secretary of State
Subject: Determination Under Subsection 402(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as Amended—Continuation of Waiver Authority

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, Public Law 93-618, 88 Stat. 1978 (hereinafter “the Act”), I determine, pursuant to subsection 402(d)(1) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2432(d)(1), that the further extension of the waiver authority granted by subsection 402(c) of the Act will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act. I further determine that continuation of the waiver applicable to the People’s Republic of China will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act.

You are authorized and directed to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Memorandum on Most-Favored-Nation Status for China

May 31, 1996

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

I hereby transmit the document referred to in subsection 402(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the “Act”), with respect to the continuation of a waiver of application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act to the People’s Republic of China. This document constitutes my recommendation to continue in effect this waiver for a further 12-month period and includes my reasons for determining that continuation of the waiver currently in effect for the People’s Republic of China will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act, and my determination to that effect.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President 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.

May 27

In the morning, the President traveled to Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA, where he laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

May 28

The President announced the nomination of Keith R. Hall to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space.

The President announced the nomination of Heidi Schulman as a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to appoint Bruce D. Judd to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a reception for Hispanic leaders on the South Lawn.

May 29

In the morning, the President met with Democratic Governors in the Cabinet Room to discuss Medicaid.

In the afternoon, the President attended the Vice President’s meeting with Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind of Great Britain in the Vice President’s office to discuss the Northern Ireland peace process.

The President announced his intention to nominate Doris B. Holleb to the National Council on the Humanities.

May 30

In the morning, the President traveled to New Orleans, LA, and in the afternoon, he traveled to Baton Rouge.

In the evening, the President attended a reception hosted by Gov. Mike Foster at the Governor's Mansion. He then returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

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In the afternoon, the President had telephone conversations with Prime Minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu and outgoing Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel.

The President announced his intention to appoint Josh S. Weston; James W. Wetzler; Robert M. Tobias; Larry Irving, Jr.; and Edward S. Knight as members of the National Commission on the Restructuring of the Internal Revenue Service.

The President announced the interim appointment of Johnny H. Hayes as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Mr. Hayes was nominated on March 28, 1996, and his nomination is pending before the United States Senate.

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 May 25

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the detention of members of the democracy movement by the military regime in Burma

Released May 28

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of Veterans Administration Jesse Brown and Under Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs Kenneth Kizer on Agent-Orange

related disability benefits for Vietnam veterans

Released May 29

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Education Secretary Richard Riley on the teachers volunteer initiative

Transcript of a press briefing by Special Assistant for Civilian Implementation in Bosnia Richard Sklar and NSC Senior Director for European Affairs Sandy Vershbow on the appointment of Mr. Sklar

Announcement on Vice President Gore's meeting with British Foreign Secretary Malcom Rifkind

Transcript of remarks by National Security Adviser Anthony Lake to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations

Fact sheet on Bosnia

Released May 31

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing the President's renewal of MFN status for China

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the May 30 elections in Northern Ireland

Acts Approved by the President

Approved May 24

H.R. 1743 / Public Law 104-147

To amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to extend the authorizations of appropriations through fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes

H.R. 1836 / Public Law 104-148

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge

Approved May 29

H.R. 2066 / Public Law 104-149
Healthy Meals for Children Act