

Sec. 4. General. This order supersedes Executive Order No. 12143 of June 22, 1979.

William J. Clinton

The White House,

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Exchange With Reporters in Jackson Hole

August 16, 1996

Republican Convention

Q. Mr. President, what did you think of Dole's speech last night?

The President. I didn't watch it. I haven't watched any of it.

Q. How come?

The President. Because I've been on vacation. I want to let them have their convention. I'm looking forward to ours.

President's Vacation

Q. Are you enjoying your stay here?

The President. Oh, I'm having a wonderful time, thank you.

Chelsea's Rock Climbing

Q. I was the ranger with Chelsea yesterday. She's a good climber.

The President. Were you there with her?

Q. Yes.

The President. She loved it. You know, she loves that so much.

Q. She looked pretty good.

The President. She loves to do it. And I think she'd really like to take some more training. She spent 30 days out here in the West last summer, and she did some climbing. She was in the mountains; she was in valleys and rivers; she did a lot of work. I think she'd like to get pretty serious about this climbing business. She's strong, and she's flexible.

Q. Her mother might not be that interested.

The President. She's strong, and she's flexible and—what?

Q. Her mother might not be that interested.

The President. Yes, but she's a pretty prudent person. She's pretty safe. But I think if you're strong and flexible and have good balance—all that ballet training prepared her.

Q. Yes.

The President. Well, thanks for saying that.

Republican Convention

Q. Mr. President, since you didn't see the speech would you like us to tell you about it? [Laughter]

The President. I have an idea that you would edit in a way designed to elicit a response. And I wouldn't want to see it in the paper the next day. [Laughter]

Q. There's a risk of that.

The President. Come on, we can afford to have 2 more days of enjoyment, then we can go back and deal with all that. [Laughter]

NOTE: The exchange began at approximately 10:30 a.m. at the Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Club. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Statement on Efforts To Bring Democracy to Cuba

August 16, 1996

To further our continuing effort to help bring democracy to Cuba, I have asked Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Stuart E. Eizenstat, to serve as Special Representative of the President and Secretary of State for the Promotion of Democracy in Cuba. His mission will be to engage our allies over the next 6 months on concrete measures to advance democracy in Cuba as we implement Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act (LIBERTAD) in the manner I described last month. I have also asked U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., Madeleine Albright and former U.S. Representative Dante Fascell, distinguished former chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, to serve as our advisers on how best to pursue this important objective.

On July 16, I decided to allow Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act (LIBERTAD) to enter into force, putting companies doing business in Cuba on notice that by trafficking in expropriated properties they face the prospect of lawsuits in the United States. I also suspended the right to file suit for 6 months to allow us time to forge a common approach with our allies and trading partners to accelerate democratic transition in Cuba. U.S. allies and friends have long shared this goal, but we have not always agreed on how to achieve it. The time has come for us to take more concrete steps together.

At that time, I also announced that I would appoint a special representative to build international support for increasing pressure on Cuba to open up politically and economically; encouraging forces for change on the island; better targeting foreign assistance in ways that advance democratic goals; and promoting business practices that will help bring democracy to the Cuban workplace. In coming weeks and months, Stu Eizenstat will consult with Cuban-American civic leaders and Members of Congress here in the U.S. before traveling to Europe, Canada, and Latin America to enlist the cooperation of allied governments, non-governmental groups, and companies.

As stipulated by law, at the end of this 6-month period I will review the progress we have made with our allies before deciding whether to continue the suspension of the right to sue under Title III.

I am confident that the democratic values and far-reaching interests that we share with our allies and partners will allow us to overcome disagreements over some aspects of the LIBERTAD Act and refocus our attention where it belongs, on promoting democracy in the hemisphere's only nondemocratic nation.

Cuba's recent actions underscore the need for the United States and the international community to press hard for change on the island. In February, Cuban MIG's shot down without warning two unarmed U.S. civilian aircraft in international airspace, killing four innocent men. The Cuban Government has systematically repressed prodemocracy activists and independent journalists.

Stu Eizenstat has a unique combination of domestic and foreign policy experience as former President Carter's chief domestic policy adviser and as U.S. Ambassador to the European Union. Ambassador Eizenstat will continue to serve as Under Secretary of Commerce and as the State Department's special envoy for property restitution in Central and Eastern Europe.

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.

August 10

The President announced the recess appointment of Wyche Fowler, Jr., to be Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Mr. Fowler was nominated on June 10, 1996, and his nomination is pending before the U.S. Senate.

August 12

In the morning, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled from Jackson Hole, WY, to Yellowstone National Park. In the afternoon, they took a hiking tour of the park and returned to Jackson Hole in the evening.

August 13

The President announced his intention to appoint Allan S. Huston to the National Commission on Crime Control and Prevention.

August 14

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by heavy rains, high wind, flooding, and slides on July 18–31.

August 15

The President announced his intention to appoint Leslie L. Byrne to be Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services.