

economy while not only preserving but actually enhancing the environment. And I believe most of you think we can do that. And I think the message you were trying to get across in the ad is, don't wreck the economy without knowing what you're doing. I understand that.

But let me say, I was very moved by the speech recently given by the chairman of British Petroleum on the issue of climate change. I don't know how many of you read it, but essentially what he said is, look, nobody knows exactly what the impact of climate change is, but let's not deny anymore that the climate is changing and that it can't be good and that no harm will be done if we take sensible steps to try to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to do other things which will help us to preserve the environment.

We've had more extreme weather conditions in the United States in the last 5 years than we had in the previous 30. And we know from all the scientific studies what is happening to the temperature of the globe. What I ask you to do is to work with me in good faith to give our children a world worth living in.

A lot of you have made a good deal of money in your corporations by technologies which improve the environment. And if we have the strongest economy in the world, we will find a sensible way to grow that economy in a way that fulfills our responsibilities.

Today, with 4 percent of the world's population, we produce over 20 percent of the greenhouse gases. We're up 13 percent since 1990 when President Bush and his administration said we would try to hold constant through the year 2000.

I had an interesting conversation with Jiang Zemin in New York about a year ago, when he said, I don't want you to have a containment policy toward China. I said, I'm not sure—I said, I don't want to have a containment policy toward China. I said, my biggest worry about you is that you'll get rich the same way we did. And if you do that, you might burn the air up because you got 1.2 billion people. And we need to find an environmentally responsible way for China to grow.

So I ask you to join with us in partnership. There is no secret plan. There is no scheme here to try to put thousands of Americans out of business. I have devoted my passion and the best ideas I could come up with to try to get this country in good shape economically and socially. But I do believe it is folly for us to believe that we can go into the next century without a strategy that says, we're going to be responsible and we're going to do our part and lead the world on the environmental issues—because we all know what the evidence is. We don't know what the consequences are, and we don't want to go off and do something that we're not sure makes sense. But we can do this. We can do it together. We can do it in a way that makes sense.

And I ask you not to ever ask us to back away from that but instead join hands with us and do what we've done for the last 4½ years. Let's find a way to preserve the environment, to meet our international responsibilities, to meet our responsibilities to our children, and grow the economy at the same time. I know we can do it. Look at the evidence of the last 4 years. We can do anything if we put our minds to it.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:37 p.m. in the ballroom at the J.W. Marriott Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Donald V. Fites, chairman, Business Roundtable; Gen. Colin Powell, former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and President Jiang Zemin of China. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

## **Memorandum on Burma**

*June 13, 1997*

Presidential Determination No. 97-29

### *Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Report to Congress Regarding Conditions in Burma and U.S. Policy Toward Burma

Pursuant to the requirements set forth under the heading "Policy Toward Burma" in section 570(d) of the FY 1997 Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, as contained in the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations

Act (P.L. 104-208), a report is required every six months following enactment concerning:

- 1) progress toward democratization in Burma;
- 2) progress on improving the quality of life of the Burmese people, including progress on market reforms, living standards, labor standards, use of forced labor in the tourism industry, and environmental quality; and
- 3) progress made in developing a comprehensive, multilateral strategy to bring democracy to and improve human rights practices and the quality of life in Burma, including the development of a dialogue between the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) and democratic opposition groups within Burma.

You are hereby authorized and directed to transmit the attached report fulfilling this requirement to the appropriate committees of the Congress and to arrange for publication of this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

**William J. Clinton**

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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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.

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#### **June 9**

The White House announced that the President forwarded to the Congress a package of FY 1998 budget amendments.

#### **June 10**

In the morning, the President met with House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt in the Oval Office. In the afternoon, he met with Democratic members of the Senate Finance Committee in the Cabinet Room. In the evening, the President met with representatives of civil rights organizations in the Yellow Oval Room.

The President announced his intention to nominate George A. Omas as a Commissioner on the Postal Rate Commission.

#### **June 11**

In the morning, the President met with Amir Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani of Qatar to discuss the Qatar-U.S. bilateral relationship and its commitment to maintaining peace in the Persian Gulf region.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jane Garvey as Administrator and George Donohue as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bill Lann Lee to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Raymond C. Fisher to serve as Associate Attorney General at the Department of Justice.

The President announced that Richard Garwin, Mortimer Elkind, and H. Rodney Withers are winners of the Enrico Fermi Award for a lifetime of achievement in the field of nuclear energy.

#### **June 12**

The President announced his intention to appoint Linda Chavez-Thompson, Suzan D. Johnson Cook, John Hope Franklin, Thomas H. Kean, Angela E. Oh, Robert Thomas, and William F. Winter to serve as members of the President's Advisory Board on Race. In addition, the President asked Christopher Edley to serve as a consultant to the advisory board and the President.

The President announced the nomination of Timberlake Foster to be Ambassador to Mauritania.

The President announced the nomination of Ralph Frank to be Ambassador to Nepal.

The President announced the nomination of John C. Holzman to be Ambassador to Bangladesh.

The President announced the nomination of Nancy J. Powell to be Ambassador to Uganda.

The President announced the nomination of Amelia Ellen Shippy to be Ambassador to Malawi.