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Executive Order 13113—President’s Information Technology Advisory Committee, Further Amendments to Executive Order 13035, as Amended

February 10, 1999

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-194), as amended by the Next Generation Internet Research Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-305) (“Research Act”), and in order to extend the life of the President’s Information Technology Advisory Committee so that it may carry out the additional responsibilities given to it by the Research Act, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 13035, as amended (“Executive Order 13035”), is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 1. The preamble of Executive Order 13035 is amended by addition after (“Act”),” the phrase “as amended by the Next Generation Internet Research Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-305) (“Research Act”),”.

Sec. 2. Section 2 of Executive Order 13035 is amended by adding a subsection “(a)” after the heading and before the first sentence and by adding a new subsection (b) after the last sentence to read as follows: “(b) The Committee shall carry out its responsibilities under the Research Act in the manner described in the Research Act.”

Sec. 3. Section 4(b) of Executive Order 13035 is amended by deleting “two years from the date of this order” and inserting “February 11, 2001,” in lieu thereof.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
February 10, 1999.

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Message on the Observance of the Lunar New Year, 1999

February 11, 1999

Warm greetings to everyone observing the Lunar New Year.

This annual festival, rooted in the ancient religious and cultural traditions of Asia, is a joyous celebration of family and community, of hope and new beginnings. Each year during the first month of the lunar calendar, millions of families across America and around the world gather to welcome the imminent arrival of spring by honoring their ancestors, visiting friends, sharing delicious food, and enjoying a profusion of fireworks, colorful decorations, parades, music, and dancing.

The celebration of the Lunar New Year is also a reminder of how much our national life has been enriched by the customs, culture, and achievements of Asian Americans. In every field of endeavor, from business to the arts, from government to academia, Asian Americans are making vital contributions to our country’s progress and prosperity.

Hillary joins me in extending best wishes to all for a wonderful celebration and for a new year of health, happiness, and peace.

Bill Clinton

Message to the Congress Transmitting a Report on the Emigration Policies and Trade Status of Mongolia

February 11, 1999

To the Congress of the United States:

On September 4, 1996, I determined and reported to the Congress that Mongolia was not in violation of the freedom of emigration criteria of sections 402(a) and 409(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. This action allowed for the continuation of normal trade relations status for Mongolia and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver.

As required by law, I am submitting an updated report to the Congress concerning

the emigration laws and policies of Mongolia. The report indicates continued Mongolian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
February 11, 1999.

Remarks on the Conclusion of the Senate Impeachment Trial and an Exchange With Reporters

February 12, 1999

The President. Now that the Senate has fulfilled its constitutional responsibility, bringing this process to a conclusion, I want to say again to the American people how profoundly sorry I am for what I said and did to trigger these events and the great burden they have imposed on the Congress and on the American people.

I also am humbled and very grateful for the support and the prayers I have received from millions of Americans over this past year.

Now I ask all Americans, and I hope all Americans—here in Washington and throughout our land—will rededicate ourselves to the work of serving our Nation and building our future together. This can be and this must be a time of reconciliation and renewal for America.

Thank you very much.

Forgiveness

Q. In your heart, sir, can you forgive and forget?

The President. I believe any person who asks for forgiveness has to be prepared to give it.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:38 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House.

Statement on the American Airlines-Allied Pilots Association Labor Dispute

February 12, 1999

Over the past several days I have closely monitored the labor dispute between Amer-

ican Airlines and the Allied Pilots Association. I am concerned about the impact this labor dispute is having on our Nation and the traveling public. With the potential for enormous disruption over the upcoming Presidents' Day holiday weekend, I urge both parties to think of the impact on the traveling public, set aside their differences, and work together to resolve the issues between them. We have a long history and tradition of settling labor disputes in this country under the law. The Railway Labor Act provides the means for the airline industry to resolve these disputes.

It is my understanding that American Airlines canceled up to 80 percent of its flights yesterday, affecting major cities such as New York, Miami, Los Angeles, Dallas, and Chicago, and that it might cancel at least half of its scheduled flights today. I commend the cities, the airports, the tourism industry, and the other major carriers for doing their part to keep domestic air traffic moving. However, even with all of the carriers doing their part, it is likely that thousands of passengers will be forced to change their travel plans. They are innocent bystanders in a dispute that should be set aside over the weekend and resolved at the bargaining table.

Again, I urge both sides to consider the impact their dispute is having on the traveling public as well as the millions of Americans who depend on the transportation and tourism industries for their livelihood.

Message on the Observance of Presidents' Day, 1999

February 12, 1999

I am pleased to join all Americans in observing Presidents' Day.

Today we celebrate the vision and achievements of our nation's former Presidents, and we remember with special pride two of our greatest leaders, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Though born almost 80 years apart and shaped by vastly different circumstances and experiences, they still shared much in common. Each assumed the Presidency at a crucial moment in our nation's history; each had a clear vision of what America should be and the courage to lead his