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Our approach will provide States and localities with flexibility to select which highways will receive targeted Federal dollars, and States and localities will be able to choose whether to spend Federal dollars on transit or highway solutions. As never before, we are encouraging creative new financing and management by the States.

This bill is a good one. And we believe it will draw broad support from all sectors: the States, the cities, the transportation industry, and the Congress. And as part of this administration's national transportation policy, it will move us into the next American century. With this legislation, America is on the road to expanded productivity, more jobs, and a strengthened infrastructure for a stronger United States.

Sam, you've been dubbed the ''road warrior.'' [*Laughter*] I don't know whether it's just by yourself or by all the rest of us, but nevertheless, I—[*laughter*]—since you've already been dubbed that, I want you—and I see we've got some heavyweights here in the front rows—to ask for their support. But I really hope that you can bring back a bill that I can enthusiastically sign this fall or perhaps sooner. I don't know what your legislative schedule is.

But in any event, I think we're off to a good start. And I'm grateful to you and the people at the Department of Transportation who have put so much of their hearts and souls into formulating this new approach. So, to all of you who have been a part of it, direct or indirect, my sincere thanks. We're going to work hard to make this become a reality. And thanks for coming over here today.

And God bless you all. Thank you very, very much.

Note: The President spoke at 10:34 a.m. in Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building. In his remarks, he referred to Secretary of Transportation Samuel K. Skinner; Senators Donald W. Riegle, Jr., and Daniel P. Moynihan; and Representative Lawrence Coughlin.

Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on Allied Bombing in Baghdad

February 13, 1991

Last night, coalition forces bombed a military command and control center in Baghdad that, according to press reports, resulted in a number of civilian casualties.

The loss of civilian lives in time of war is a truly tragic consequence. It saddens everyone to know that innocent people may have died in the course of military conflict. America treats human life as our most precious value. That is why even during this military conflict in which the lives of our service men and women are at risk, we will not target civilian facilities. We will continue to hit only military targets. The bunker that was attacked last night was a military target, a command-and-control center that fed instructions directly to the Iraqi war machine, painted and camouflaged to avoid detection and well-documented as a military target. We have been systematically attacking these targets since the war began.

We don't know why civilians were at this location, but we do know that Saddam Hussein does not share our value in the sanctity of life. Indeed, he time and again has shown a willingness to sacrifice civilian lives and property that further his war aims.

Civilian hostages were moved in November and December to military sites for use as human shields. POW's reportedly have been placed at military sites. Roving bands of execution squads search out deserters among his own ranks of servicemen. Command and control centers in Iraq have been placed on top of schools and public buildings. Tanks and other artillery have been placed beside private homes and small villages. And only this morning we have documentation that two MIG 21's have been parked near the front door of a treasured

archeologic site which dates back to the 27th century B.C.

His environmental terrorism spreads throughout the Persian Gulf, killing wildlife and threatening human water supplies. And finally, Saddam Hussein aims his Scud missiles at innocent civilians in Israel and Saudi Arabia. He kills civilians intentionally and with purpose.

Saddam Hussein created this war. He created the military bunkers. And he can bring the war to an end. We urge him once again to save his people and to comply with the U.N. resolutions.

Thank you very much.

Note: Press Secretary Fitzwater read the statement to reporters at 11:47 a.m. in the Briefing Room at the White House. The statement referred to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Nomination of John G. Keller, Jr., To Be an Under Secretary of Commerce

February 13, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate John G. Keller, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Travel and Tourism at the Department of Commerce. He would succeed Rockwell Anthony Schnabel.

Since 1989, Mr. Keller has served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Advance. Prior to this Mr. Keller served in the Office of the Vice President as Deputy Assistant to the Vice President and Director of Advance, 1987–1989, and as Deputy Director of Advance, 1986–1987 and 1984–1985. He served as a confidential assistant to the Director at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1985–1986. Mr. Keller has served in the Office of the Vice President as a lead advance representative, 1982–1984, and as a volunteer advance representative, 1981–1982. Mr. Keller has served at the George Bush for President campaign as the scheduling and advance coordinator, 1979–1980. His work experience has allowed him to travel over one million miles and has taken him to more than 70 foreign countries and every State in the Nation.

Mr. Keller graduated from Iowa State University (B.A., 1982). He was born August 10, 1958, in Washington, DC. Mr. Keller is married and resides in Alexandria, VA.

Appointment of John Kenneth Blackwell as United States Representative on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights

February 14, 1991

The President today announced his intention to appoint John Kenneth Blackwell, of Ohio, to be the Representative of the United States on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. He would succeed Armando Valladares.

Currently Mr. Blackwell serves as a business and education consultant in Cincinnati, OH. Prior to this Mr. Blackwell served as Deputy Under Secretary at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC.

Mr. Blackwell graduated from Xavier