

guy. But Americans want to see some connection between welfare and work. They want to see governments at every level work together to track down the deadbeat fathers, those who can't be bothered to pay child support. And they want to see us break the cycle of dependency that destroys dignity and passes down poverty from one generation to the next. That's wrong to do that, and we're going to do something to change it.

Right here in California, your able Governor Pete Wilson's got a plan that will encourage people on welfare to take work when they can find it; for pregnant teens or parents to stay in school, get the education they'll need to make a better future, a future where they won't need that next welfare check. And we support him. You say, what can we do to help California? Simple, we can start by getting Washington out of the way. And I'll tell you, we will do all that we can to remove the burdensome Federal regulations, to help you cut through the web of redtape to real reform.

The reforms I've spoken about tonight

can spark a revolution to bring this country home to the bedrock beliefs that have made us great: Faith and family, responsibility and respect, community and country. Simple words, certain truths that hold a world of meaning for every American.

And I might say parenthetically, if I could be prideful in my comment, I am very, very proud of what Barbara does to demonstrate strength of family and the caring that we all feel in our hearts.

But here's what I know about this country's future: No matter how tough times are right now, no matter what trials we face, America's best day always lies ahead. And I believed that when I was a little boy. I believe it now. I believe it every day I live because that is the great glory of the United States of America.

Thank you all, and may God bless our great country.

Note: The President spoke at 8:58 p.m. at the Century Plaza Hotel. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Exchange With Reporters Prior to Discussions With President Alberto Kenyo Fujimori of Peru in San Antonio, Texas

February 26, 1992

Drug Summit

Q. Mr. President, what do you hope to accomplish at the drug summit, sir?

President Bush. Well, I think we've already—we're going to build on the first meeting, the Cartagena meeting, and we're going to get maximum cooperation. We're going to redouble our efforts on the demand side and on the supply side. So, it's the big picture with very able leaders from south of our border that continue to address themselves to this problem. And there's been marvelous cooperation between the countries.

Q. The Ecuadorean President said today that his country needs more U.S. dollars. What's your response to him, sir?

President Bush. Well, I'll be discussing it with him when I see him.

Q. President Fujimori, will cutbacks in U.S. aid hamper your drug-fighting efforts?

President Fujimori. From the supply side, we can, we think we can do a lot on this side, but also we need the better comprehension and coordination.

President Bush. And that's all the things we'll be talking about.

Q. Do you need more U.S. money?

President Fujimori. Also. [*Laughter*]

President Bush. Everybody does, including us.

President Fujimori. That's the answer they want? [*Laughter*]

Q. President Bush, do you believe this summit is going to be of any value?

President Bush. I think there's a lot of value. I think the first one was—President Fujimori was not at it, but I believe that it

set the ground rules, it set some objectives. I think this one will do the same thing. We have a broader number of countries here; cooperation is good. And we've got to talk about how we can do more on the supply and certainly on the demand side, something that we in the United States are very concerned about also.

So, I view this as a very special opportunity to meet with leaders, men who are

doing a good job in their countries and who are determined to whip this narcotics threat just as we are. So I'm looking forward to it.

Note: The exchange began at 3 p.m. at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Exchange With Reporters Prior to Discussions With President César Gaviria of Colombia in San Antonio

February 26, 1992

[A question was asked and answered in Spanish.]

Q. How about you, sir? Do you have anything to—

The President. Yes.

Q. Same thing?

The President. Yes, now that I understand what he is saying.

Q. You're improving your Spanish. [Laughter]

The President. I've got Stephanie over here. [Laughter] No, but I agree that it's positive, it will be positive. I will say this to the journalists from Colombia who are here: The respect that we have for what this President is doing and has already done is very, very high. And this is a multilateral meeting; we're meeting with other countries

as well, building on the Cartagena summit, which was the first one. But I'm confident that we will come out with more determination to do better on the demand side, which is largely a United States problem, and to redouble our efforts for coordination on the supply side, drawing largely on the experience and the success of this President that's sitting next to me.

And so, we can't take any more questions because we only have a few minutes to talk here. We're glad you guys are here.

Note: The exchange began at 3:40 p.m. at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel. In his remarks, the President referred to Stephanie Van Reigersberg, Director of Language Services.

Exchange With Reporters Prior to Discussions With President Jaime Paz Zamora of Bolivia in San Antonio

February 26, 1992

Q. Mr. President, what do you say to Members of Congress who say your drug war has been a failure?

The President. I tell them they don't know what they're talking about. That's what I say. The record is good.

[At this point, one group of journalists left the room, and a second group entered.]

The President. I might say with your

countrymen here that we are very respectful of the job you're doing and cooperation, not only in the antinarcotics field but in so many other areas. I'm just delighted to see you again.

Q. Mr. Bush, is the Government of the United States going to support the private industry helping other programs in Bolivia?

The President. Well, we think we need