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Greek Ambassador to the United States, and Panayiopis Angelopoulos, Greek industrialist. The proclamation is listed in Appendix E at the end of this volume.

Statement on House of Representatives Action To Sustain the Tax Bill Veto

March 25, 1992

I am pleased that the House of Representatives has voted to sustain my veto of the Democratic tax increase. This 215–211 vote indicates broad support for my position in both parties. We don't need a tax increase. We do need an economic growth

package that will spur savings and investments in this country and create new jobs. I am hopeful that the many Democrats who gave us majority strength on the veto vote might join us on proposals to speed the economic recovery.

Statements by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the President's Physical Examination

March 26, 1992

The President is in great shape. He completed a routine physical examination today at Bethesda Naval Hospital and is in excellent health. The President's examination lasted approximately 4 hours. The physical was conducted under the direction of Dr. Burton Lee, the President's personal physician. "The President remains in excellent health," Dr. Lee said. "He will continue his normal busy work schedule and physical activity."

Ophthalmologists continue to test the President for the raised pressure in his left eye, but his condition remains stable and there is no evidence of any development of glaucoma signs or symptoms. No treatment is indicated at the present time.

Among his test results are: chest x-ray, normal; x-rays of hips and neck, mild degenerative osteoarthritis; electrocardiogram (EKG), normal; urinalysis, no abnormalities;

normal urologic exam; blood tests completely normal including cholesterol, triglyceride, and lipoprotein levels; and dermatology, no significant problem or change. There is no evidence of any heart disease. His thyroid function remains completely normal, on Synthroid .15 milligrams a day.

[Later in the day, Press Secretary Fitzwater issued the following additional statement on the President's physical examination.]

The President's physical checkup this morning showed no evidence of skin cancer. However, the doctors did "freeze" with liquid nitrogen four very minute keratoses on the President's face. These will appear as small dark spots on the President's face and will disappear within a few days. The President has had keratoses removed on previous occasions over the years.