

Statement on Reform of the Drug Approval Process

April 9, 1992

I am pleased to announce that, as part of the administration's ongoing efforts to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens, the Food and Drug Administration is today implementing important reforms to the drug approval process.

The reforms announced today could ultimately save millions of lives by giving patients, including those suffering from such debilitating diseases as cancer, AIDS, and Alzheimer's, earlier access to promising new drugs. The reforms will also make American pharmaceutical companies more competi-

tive by allowing them to cut years off the drug development process.

These are the first steps toward achieving the administration's goal of reducing by about 40 percent the average amount of time it takes to bring new drugs to market.

Today's announcement is the outgrowth of an initiative I began in 1988 as Chairman of President Reagan's Task Force on Regulatory Relief. I commend the Council on Competitiveness and the Department of Health and Human Services for bringing this initiative to fruition.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting the Report on Soviet Noncompliance With Arms Control Agreements

April 9, 1992

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Enclosed are classified and unclassified copies of the annual Report on Soviet Noncompliance with Arms Control Agreements.

Last year the Soviet Union ended and we have every reason to hope that this will lead to a new era of compliance with arms control agreements. The report I am forwarding covers actions taken in 1991 by the former Soviet Union, not the newly independent states which have succeeded it. We have already seen an improvement in the willingness of these new governments to adhere to arms control obligations.

For our part, the United States will continue to expect scrupulous compliance with all arms control obligations. Such compliance is especially important as we build new and better relations and as conventional and nuclear forces are dismantled.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH

Note: Identical letters were sent to Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Dan Quayle, President of the Senate.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the Report on Federal Advisory Committees

April 9, 1992

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the requirements of section 6(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (Public Law 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2, sec. 6(c)), I hereby transmit the Twentieth Annual Report on

Federal Advisory Committees for fiscal year 1991.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
April 9, 1992.