

## Remarks Prior to a Meeting With the House Republican Health Care Task Force

June 22, 1992

*The President.* Now, let me just say at the outset, what we are here to talk about is health care reform. We have some ideas up there that we feel make a great deal of sense. I know that some of you all have a program. I keep reading that the Democrats say they want to make a political statement before the convention. Far more important than a political statement, it seems to me, is getting something done that will allay the fears that people have and help in the health care reform area.

We've got a good program for insurance. We'll protect the quality of American health care. And what I'd like to get from everybody here today is how you feel we can get it done. The small market reforms are good; the increased tax deductions for the self-employed, very good; and we make some administrative statements. I'd like to hear if we could move forward on malpractice reform. But these are some of the ingredients of what we think is a very helpful, very practical, and forward-looking health care program. So I hope that we can move it.

### *Perot Investigations*

*Q.* Mr. President, how do you feel about Ross Perot's private initiative to investigate you and your finances?

*The President.* Well, I better count to 10. [Laughter] I prefer not to take that question

right now, frankly.

*Q.* Were you aware of the inquiry?

*The President.* No, there's something not very pleasant about all this. And let me tell you this: It's fine to investigate on one's own the Vice President of the United States; no evidence to support any investigation. But I feel a little tense about it when they—if the reports are true of investigating my children, my family. There's something—I don't think that's particularly right. But nevertheless, I've probably said too much here.

*Q.* No, you haven't.

*The President.* Put it this way: I've said all I'm going to say.

*Q.* Are you angry?

*The President.* I'm not sure that's the proper word. There will be plenty of time to find out what happened here, but I don't like what I see.

*Q.* You're going to call him up and ask him yourself what happened?

*Q.* Has he called you—

*The President.* Thank you very much. Thank you all.

*Q.* —to apologize or complain?

*Note: The President spoke at 4:09 p.m. in the Cabinet Room at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.*

## Letter to Congressional Leaders on Trade With Romania

June 22, 1992

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

In accordance with section 407 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-618, January 3, 1975; 88 Stat. 1978), as amended (the "Trade Act"), I am transmitting a copy of a proclamation that extends nondiscriminatory treatment to the products of Romania. I also enclose the text of the "Agree-

ment on Trade Relations Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Romania," including exchanges of letters that form an integral part of the Agreement, which was signed on April 3, 1992, and which is included as an annex to the proclamation.

The Agreement will provide a nondis-