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I hope you'll do tonight is put our 800 number up. A person can call that number and get information on all the programs from all the agencies. You don't have to go to the hassle to call first one place and then another.

Q. [*Inaudible*]

The President. I was very moved by it. When I went to Iowa and to Illinois and to Missouri and everyplace I went, there were just literally thousands of people who just showed up to help and to pour out their concern and to break their backs, frankly, to help their fellow Americans. It was our country at its best. And that's what I hope that this telethon will prove to be, too, asking for help and giving people a change to participate in the reconstruction of millions of lives.

Q. [*Inaudible*]

The President. Well, for one thing, the Government programs have never been designed to cover 100 percent of the losses. We simply can't do that. We are going to help the cities, we are going to help as many farms and business people as we can, but there will be some gaps in this coverage. And those gaps have to be filled by private citizens.

For another, Americans have always rallied to one another in times of real need. And if we can do that now in this place for these people, just as we did about a year ago for the victims of Hurricane Andrew, then who knows when Americans in another State—people listening tonight who think nothing like this could ever happen to them, they may need the help of the folks in the Midwest. So if we help each other, we can put our lives back together and our whole country will be stronger, believe me. Someone in Utah or Texas or my home State of Arkansas, their economies will be weakened by the fact that the Midwest has been hurt by this flood. But if we all work together and rebuild the region, then that helps everybody in every State in America.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 8:30 p.m. via satellite from the Library at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the United States Arctic Research Plan Revision

July 29, 1993

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984, as amended (15 U.S.C. 4108(a)), I hereby transmit the third biennial revision (1994–1995) to the United States Arctic Research Plan.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
July 29, 1993.

Nomination for Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy

July 29, 1993

The President today announced his intention to nominate Steven Kelman, a Harvard professor and advocate for cutting Government waste through better purchasing policies, as Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy at the Office of Management and Budget.

"With his background and commitment to making the Government more efficient, I know Steven Kelman will ensure Government purchases are made economically and with care," the President said.

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.