Message to the Congress Reporting Budget Deferrals

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I hereby report three new deferrals of budget authority, totaling $354.0 million.

These deferrals affect Funds Appropriated to the President and the Department of Agriculture. The details of these deferrals are contained in the attached report.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
February 26, 1993.

NOTE: The report detailing the deferrals was published in the Federal Register on April 1.

Nomination for Posts at the Defense and Treasury Departments

President Clinton today announced his intention to nominate Jamie Gorelick to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense and Jean Hanson to be General Counsel of the Treasury Department.

"Jamie Gorelick and Jean Hanson are two of the most qualified people in the country for these important positions," said the President. "Each of them combines impressive legal expertise and private sector experience with a demonstrable commitment to public service."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

The President’s Radio Address

Good morning. Before I talk with you about our economic program this morning, I want to say a word to the good people of New York City and to all Americans who have been so deeply affected by the tragedy that struck Manhattan yesterday. A number of innocent people lost their lives, hundreds were injured, and thousands were struck with fear in their hearts when an explosion rocked the basement of the World Trade Center.

To their families, you are in the thoughts and prayers of my family. And in the synagogues and churches last night, today, and tomorrow you will be remembered and thought of again and again. My thoughts are also with the police, the firefighters, the emergency response teams, and the citizens whose countless acts of bravery averted even more bloodshed. Their reaction and their valor reminds us of how often Americans are at their best when we face the worst.

I thank all the people who reached out to the injured and the frightened amid the tumult that shook lower Manhattan.

Following the explosion I spoke with New York’s Governor Mario Cuomo and New York City Mayor David Dinkins to assure them that the full measure of Federal law enforcement resources will be brought to bear on this investigation. Just this morning I spoke with FBI Director Sessions, who assured me that the FBI and the Treasury Department are working closely with the New York City police and fire departments. Working together we’ll find out who was involved and why this happened. Americans should know we’ll do everything in our power to keep them safe in their streets, their offices, and their homes. Feeling safe is an essential part of being secure, and that’s important to all of us.

I also want to take this opportunity this morn-