

velopment and production of high-tech products has become enormously expensive. It is altogether appropriate to lift the legal barriers that prevent good companies from playing to win in the global market, provided, of course, that our antitrust laws continue to prevent improper collusion. Now is the time, as we work together

to turn this Nation in a new direction, to strip away outdated impediments to our growth and potential.

I look forward to working with Chairman Brooks, Chairman Biden, Senator Leahy, and their colleagues on this important legislation.

Announcement of the Continuation of Foreign Service Officers in Three State Department Posts

March 11, 1993

The President announced today that three career Foreign Service officers will continue serving in State Department positions that they currently hold. The three are Genta Hawkins Holmes, Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Personnel, Robert Gallucci, Assistant Secretary for Politico-Military Affairs, and Anthony Quainton, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

“I am very pleased with the team that Secretary Christopher and I are assembling at the Department of State,” said the President. “I am particularly gratified that we have been able to put a number of people into senior positions who have devoted their careers to the Foreign Service.”

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

Remarks on the Swearing-In of Attorney General Janet Reno

March 12, 1993

Thank you very much. Please be seated. We are honored here in the White House to be joined today by distinguished Members of the Senate and the House: Senator Biden, Senator Hatch, Senator Kennedy, Senator Sarbanes, one of Janet Reno’s Senators, Senator Connie Mack. Senator Graham called me last night. He’s in Florida today with the First Lady at a health care hearing. And he said he had an excused absence from the Attorney General. [Laughter]

The Speaker and Congressman Edwards are here, and we’re delighted to see all of them. I also would say we’re delighted to be joined by Mr. Justice White and Mrs. White. Thank you very much for coming. Let me say that it is a great honor for me to be able to be here at this ceremony today with Janet Reno, her family, and a few of her many friends.

I’d like to say a special word of thanks to Stuart Gerson, who has served ably and honorably as Acting Attorney General since the Inau-

guration. I think we owe him a round of applause. [Applause]

Somehow I don’t think any of my other proposals will pass the Senate by the same vote margin—[laughter]—that Janet’s confirmation did. I especially want to thank Senator Biden and Senator Hatch and the members of the Judiciary Committee for waiving the normal waiting period between hearings and the confirmation vote, making this event possible today and making it possible for us to proceed immediately with the urgent tasks at hand.

But more than anything else, I think it is clear that Janet Reno made her own swift confirmation possible, showing the Senate and all who followed the hearings the qualities of leadership and integrity, intelligence, and humanity that those gathered in this room have recognized for a very long time.

You shared with us the life-shaping stories of your family and career that formed your deep

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sense of fairness and your unwavering drive to help others to do better. You showed us that your career in public service, working on the frontlines in your community, fighting crime, understanding the impact on victims and on neighborhoods, mending the gritty social fabric of a vibrant but troubled urban area, is excellent preparation for carrying forward the banner of justice for all the American people.

You'll help to guide the Federal Government to assist State and local law enforcement in ways that really count. You demonstrated that you will be a formidable advocate for the vulnerable people in our society and especially for our children.

Most of all, you proved to the Nation that you are a strong and an independent person who will give me your best legal judgment whether or not it's what I want to hear. [*Laugh-*

ter] It's an experience I've already had, I'm glad to say. That is the condition upon which you accepted my nomination and the only kind of Attorney General that I would want serving in this Cabinet.

As Janet Reno begins her work at the Justice Department, she will enter a building that symbolizes our Nation's commitment to justice, to equality, to the enforcement of our laws. On the side of that building, carved above one of the portals, is the inscription, "The halls of justice are a hallowed place." With Janet Reno serving as our Nation's Attorney General, those words will have great meaning for all Americans.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:21 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. Following the President's remarks, Justice Byron White administered the oath of office.

Remarks to the Crew of the U.S.S. *Theodore Roosevelt* March 12, 1993

Thank you very much, Captain. I know that I won't be able to see all of you now, but I've seen as many as I could, and I've shaken hands with a lot of you. I've also reviewed your mission and been very impressed with it.

I want to recognize the presence on the ship of the 1992 Sailor of the Year, Donald Leroy Heffentrager; as well as the First Class Petty Officer of the Quarter, Gary Neff; the Senior Petty Officer of the Quarter, Gregory Ham; the Junior Petty Officer of the Quarter, Jason McCord; and the Blue Jacket of the Quarter, Airman Todd Pearson.

I've been very impressed with everything I've seen and with all the people I've met. As Com-

mander in Chief it's immensely reassuring to me to know that the United States is served by people of such high quality and such great dedication. The Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin, and the others who are here in my company have already learned a great deal and see a lot that we admire and that we like. I thank you for your service to the country, and I look forward to the remainder of my stay here. And I wish you well on your deployment.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:40 p.m. in the Carrier Intelligence Center aboard the ship. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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Thank you very much, Secretary Aspin, Admiral Miller, Admiral Johnson, Captain Bryant, Captain Moore, Colonel Schmidt, General Keys, and to all of you here on the crew of the *Theodore Roosevelt*. I think I can speak for the peo-

ple who came in my party, including the distinguished Members of the United States Congress who are here. This has been a wonderful day for us, and we thank you.

I am honored to be here. As many of you