

The United States can't dictate that.

*Q.* Mr. Kozyrev, can you tell us, did the meetings go poorly this morning, because it seems as though the line was harder when they came out from those meetings?

*Foreign Minister Kozyrev.* [Inaudible]—well, I think the people will pass final judgment. As President just said, it is for Russians and Russian people to pass final judgment, and President calls for vote, popular vote. And I think this will be the decisive event. But on the—President, as always, is open to compromise where there are those political forces who are not apt

to just reverse the reform and advance the democracy.

*Q.* Will you support the idea of Russia joining G-7 as soon as possible?

*The President.* I wouldn't rule out or in anything particular. We're going to be dealing with a whole broad range of issues between the United States and Russia and with the G-7. And let's just see what happens.

NOTE: The exchange began at 1:10 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

## Exchange With Reporters on Russia March 24, 1993

*Q.* Mr. President, did you and Mr. Kozyrev reach any kind of agreement on the type of aid package that might be most helpful for Russia?

*The President.* No, we discussed what I was thinking about and what our people are working on. And I told him it would be a good and specific package, and I was looking forward to having the opportunity to discuss it with President Yeltsin.

*Q.* Did he give you any encouragement, sir, that the current political crisis could be resolved?

*The President.* I think he's hopeful.

*Q.* Any specifics as to how it might be resolved, sir?

*The President.* No, he's been here with me.

NOTE: The exchange began at 3:50 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House, prior to a meeting with members of the National Council of Churches. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

## Interview With Dan Rather of CBS News March 24, 1993

### *President's Schedule*

*Mr. Rather.* How's your golf game?

*The President.* Not very good. I've only played twice. The first time it was about 35 degrees with a whipping wind, and the second time, I had a very good second nine holes. But I haven't gotten to play very much.

*Mr. Rather.* We were talking about your sleep or lack of same over in the Oval Office. You mentioned something about a nap. Are you trying to nap these days?

*The President.* If I can take a nap, even 15 or 20 minutes in the middle of the day, it is really invigorating to me. On the days when

I'm a little short of sleep, I try to work it out so that I can sneak off and just lie down for 15 minutes, a half an hour, and it really makes all the difference in the world.

### *The White House*

*Mr. Rather.* We're in the Library now, where President Roosevelt made his fireside chats. Is this among your favorite rooms?

*The President.* I love this room. And this is a highly public room. It is actually a lending library. People who work around here can come in here and check out these books just like