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figures, sir, that many Americans, 75 percent of the Americans, think we already give the Russians enough?

*The President.* Well, foreign aid is unpopular in every country in the world, and it's always been unpopular here. And I haven't really had a chance to talk much directly to the American people about what's going on there, what our stake in it and what their stake in it is, what the American people's stake in it. The American people are smart enough to know that we can't determine the course of events in Russia all

by ourselves. They know that. But we can have an impact on it. And my job as President is to convince the citizens of this country that they have an immediate and personal interest in the outcome of events. I think I can do it, and I'm going to do my best.

NOTE: The exchange began at 11:05 a.m. outside the U.S. Male barbershop. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

## Nomination for Administrator of the Agency for International Development *March 29, 1993*

The President announced his intention today to nominate Brian Atwood as Administrator of the Agency for International Development, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency. "Secretary Christopher and I have concluded that the skills that Brian Atwood brings to the State Department are greatly needed at AID," said the President. "I am confident that he will

be the kind of effective administrator that our foreign assistance programs need at this time. His proven effectiveness and his commitment to democratic change make him an ideal choice."

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

## Nomination for Assistant Secretaries of Education *March 29, 1993*

The President named two national education leaders to key positions at the Department of Education today, expressing his intention to nominate Colorado education official David Longanecker to be Assistant Secretary for Post-secondary Education and education innovator Sharon Porter Robinson to be Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

"I have pledged to make the Department of Education a center for innovative policymaking," said the President. "David Longanecker and Sharon Porter Robinson will join with Secretary Riley and the rest of his team to bring the leadership that will make that happen."

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

## Nomination for Administrator of General Services *March 29, 1993*

In a move designed to cut waste and promote efficiency in the Federal Government, the President today announced his intention to nominate

Roger Johnson, chairman and CEO of Western Digital, to head the giant General Services Administration. The first Republican named to a

top post in the new administration, Johnson served as an outspoken advocate for the Clinton-Gore ticket during the Presidential campaign, joining with other Orange County, CA, Republicans to endorse the Clinton-Gore plan to reinvest the Government and make it work for the American people.

“Roger Johnson’s skills as a business leader and strong commitment to Government change

will ensure that economy and efficiency are standard rule at the new GSA,” said the President. “Partisan politics have no place at this crucial juncture of our history. We must all work together to get our Government back on track.”

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

### Nomination for President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation *March 30, 1993*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Ruth Harkin, a top corporate attorney with expertise in international trade and investment, as President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

“Ruth Harkin has the experience, know-how and new ideas to make OPIC an innovative

Agency that will work aggressively to increase American investment overseas while protecting jobs at home,” the President said.

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

### Nomination for Assistant Secretaries of Defense *March 30, 1993*

The President announced his intention today to nominate Edward Warner to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Resources and Charles Freeman to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Regional Security.

“Ted Warner and Charles Freeman are two of the most outstanding people working on de-

fense issues today,” said the President. “I am extremely pleased that they are joining Secretary Aspin at the Pentagon.”

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

### Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Cabinet Meeting *March 31, 1993*

#### *Budget Resolution and Stimulus Package*

*Q.* Mr. President, are you going to get a \$1 billion package for the Russians in aid?

*The President.* I’ll have more to say about that tomorrow in Annapolis. I’m going out there to speak.

Let me say in front of the whole Cabinet here, it was just 6 weeks ago that I presented my plan to the United States Congress. They

are on the verge of adopting the budget resolution, which will drastically reduce the Federal deficit. The Senate, I believe, is on the verge of passing the jobs program to put a half-million jobs into this economy. Things are going well. We are moving with remarkable speed.

I do want to make one point, which was obscured a little in the news stories today. I say that not out of criticism, but on the issue of