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Dallas and Houston and Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and Portland and Seattle. It's very sad. I mean, the block grant program was designed to create jobs in a hurry based on local priorities, and it's one that the Republicans had always championed. Just about the only Democrat champions of the program were people like me who were out there at the grassroots level, Governors and Senators. I just think it's real sad that they have chosen to exert the minority muscle in a way that will keep Americans out of work. I think it's a mistake.

NOTE: The exchange began at 11:45 a.m. aboard the MARC train en route to Oriole Park at Camden Yards. In his remarks, the President referred to civil rights leader Jesse Jackson. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Message to the Congress Transmitting a Report on Hazardous Materials Transportation

April 5, 1993

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the requirements of section 109(e) of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (Public Law 93–633); 49 U.S.C. 108(e)), I transmit herewith the Annual Report on Hazardous Materials Transportation for calendar year 1991.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
April 5, 1993.

Nomination for Posts at the Departments of Defense and Labor

April 5, 1993

The President today announced his intention to nominate two more Assistant Secretaries at the Department of Defense and an Administrator at the Department of Labor. Additionally, the President announced the nomination of five other men and women to Defense and Labor posts.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lt. Gen. Emmett Paige, Jr., as Assistant Secretary for Command, Control and Communications at the Department of Defense, Deborah Lee as Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs at the Department of Defense, and Maria Echaveste as Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division at the Department of Labor. In addition, the President announced the following appointments: Colleen Preston, Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition, Department of Defense; Sherri Wasserman Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary for Environmental Security, Department of Defense; William Lynn, Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, Department of Defense; Joyce Miller, Executive Director, Glass Ceiling Commission, Department of Labor; and Charles Richards, Director, Office of the New American Workplace, Department of Labor.

"These men and women, with their collective experience, intelligence, and commitment to making Government work for the American people, will add to the excellent staffs already at work with both Secretaries Aspin and Reich," the President said.

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