the United States, is having difficulty creating jobs. If I knew everything that needs to be done, I'd be glad to tell you, and we could just call off the whole deliberations of Congress and everything else. I don't have all the answers. But I know this: Doing nothing is not the answer.

And so the jobs program that I have presented to Congress, with the summer jobs, with the money for the cities and the counties, through the community development program, with the infrastructure money, is a small part of a big budget. It is an attempt to engage in an experiment to see whether or not, with the economy recovering in terms of corporate profit, we can give a little boost to it, give opportunities to young people, create a half a million jobs, and maybe get the engine going again.

Most of the jobs in this program are going to be jobs in the private sector, not Government jobs, even though it's Government money. And the lion's share of the work in rebuilding the American economy obviously will come from the private sector. That's the kind of system we have, and it works pretty well.

But this is the challenge we have. So I ask all of you here today to support the summer jobs program, to ask your friends and neighbors to support it, to go back home and ask your employers to make a little extra effort, to do what you can to help me pass the funds to create the 700,000 jobs that the United States Government should create this summer, so that together we can have this partnership. Because more than anything else, we have to give a future, a future that our young people can believe in.

We need to send them a message that here in America if you study hard and work hard, if you obey the law and contribute something to your community, you will be rewarded by your country. You can build a future from your own dreams.

That has always been the promise of America. Together that's what this summer of challenge needs to be: a reaffirmation of the promise of America for so many young people to whom that promise has been an illusion. We can make it a reality.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:22 a.m. in the Regency Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Octavius Jeffers, 1992 Summer Youth Program participant; Jerry Levin, chairman of the board, Time-Warner, Inc.; Nancye Combs, chair, Private Industry Council; and Patricia Irving, president and chief executive officer, Private Industry Council of Philadelphia.

Nomination for Posts at the Transportation, Commerce, and Defense Departments and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation

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The President announced his intention today to nominate Albert Herberger to be Administrator of the Federal Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Loretta Dunn to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration; and Christopher Finn to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

Additionally, he has approved the appointments of Joan Yim to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Maritime Administration, Alice Maroni to be Principal Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Defense, and Deborah Castleman to be Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, and Communications.

“We are continuing to move forward with putting together a Government of excellent, diverse Americans who share my commitment to changing the way that Washington works,” said the President. “These six people I am naming today fit that bill.”

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