

just like us. There are a lot of kids out there in these homeless shelters. A lot of them can learn and do real well if they're given a chance. And if they do well, this is going to affect you much more than me. One in ten Americans now is on food stamps.

Now, you think about what your life is going to be like when you're my age, you have children getting ready to go to college, if we don't reverse these trends. What's the unemployment rate in America going to be? What's your tax burden going to be? What are you going to be paying it for? What's it going to be like to be in the streets of your country? This service thing has so much more to do with your future in a way than with mine. And I think the point you made is terrific.

I know we've got to quit, but I want to—go ahead.

[A participant stated that working on community service projects fosters a desire to continue serving others.]

*The President.* Good for you.

*Q.* Thank you for visiting.

*The President.* Thank you all very much. You're terrific. I feel a lot better about my country every time I see young people like you. We're going to be fine. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:52 a.m. in the courtyard at Benjamin Franklin High School. In his remarks, he referred to Lt. Gov. Melinda Schwegmann of Louisiana.

## Exchange With Reporters in New Orleans

April 30, 1993

*Bosnia*

*Q.* [Inaudible]

*The President.* I'm going to have another meeting in the morning about it, do a little more work on the way back today, and then have another meeting in the morning. And then I may want to make another round of phone calls after we meet with the principals. And I expect then we'll be pretty close to deciding where we are. I want to get an updated report

on the situation, and I'll ask a lot of questions about it.

*Q.* Mr. President, has all this talk about military force already had an impact, sir? Do you think it's already had an impact?

*The President.* I hope so. I hope so. I think it may well have, and I certainly hope so.

NOTE: The exchange began at 1:35 p.m. in the Health and Physical Education Center at the University of New Orleans. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

## Remarks on the National Service Initiative at the University of New Orleans

April 30, 1993

Thank you very much. I ought to quit while I'm ahead. [Laughter] It is wonderful to be back in New Orleans and in Louisiana and to have the first chance I've had since the election to thank you for your support, your electoral votes, and the education you gave me on my many trips here during the campaign last year. I'm glad to be back on this campus. I want to thank your student body president, Robert Styron. I thought he gave a good speech. I think he's

got a future in politics, don't you? [Applause] And Chancellor O'Brien. I want to thank Senator Breaux for his kind remarks and for his leadership of the Democratic Leadership Council. I want to acknowledge the presence here of Senator Johnston and many members of the Louisiana House and many other Members of the United States Congress, along with many others who are here with the Democratic Leadership Council, including my good friend and