Tijuana Sewage Treatment

Moderator. Real quickly, any suggestions?
The President. On what?
Moderator. On how to fix that.
The President. I just think—it’s not that much money, it’s about $3 million a year. And we’ll just see if we can’t, when that particular appropriation comes up, we’ll see if we can help on that. I think we should do that. Again, that’s something that’s not your fault.

Moderator. Mr. President, we’re down to one minute, unfortunately.

NAFTA

Q. The question is, with the NAFTA agreement, will you mandate that when a person loses their job as a result of this agreement which our Government entered into, that they would be guaranteed any new job that is created?
The President. I don’t think I could do that, but what I think I can do is to identify areas which are likely to be hurt and do more to direct Government investment there and other incentives to hire people back. And I would certainly do that. But I have to tell you, I think California will gain a lot more jobs than you’ll lose if we have the right kind of trade agreement. Mexico is now our second biggest purchaser of manufactured products. California wins big on that. I think we will win more than we lose. But some will lose, and we need to have offsetting investments. I agree with that.

Thank you.

Moderator. Thank you very much, Mr. President. The people of San Diego thank you.
The President. Thank you.

NOTE: The town meeting began at 8 p.m. at the KGTV studio. In his remarks, the President referred to Erskine Bowles, Small Business Administrator; Gen. John Vessey, Special Emissary for POW/MIA Affairs; and Thomas F. McLarty, White House Chief of Staff.

Nomination for Posts at the State, Transportation, and Labor Departments

May 17, 1993

The President named four new members of his administration today, announcing his intention to nominate Richard Moose to be Under Secretary of State for Management, Gordon Linton to be Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, Louise Stoll to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Budget and Programs, and Anne Lewis to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Public Affairs.

“This is a first-rate group of people,” said the President. “Richard Moose brings significant experience in both foreign affairs and corporate management to the task of making the State Department work more efficiently. Gordon Linton is a distinguished public servant with an unquestionable knowledge of transportation matters. Louise Stoll has been a leader in both the private and public sectors in managing large endeavors. Anne Lewis has a tremendous sense of the concerns of working Americans. I am honored that all four of them will be joining my administration.”

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

Nomination for an Assistant Secretary of Labor

May 17, 1993

The President announced his intention to nominate John Donahue to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy. Donahue is an associate professor at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and an economic and strategy consultant.

“John Donahue is a leading expert on the relationship between business and Government,”