Hon. Stansfield Turner, McLean, VA: admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.); former Director of Central Intelligence
Cicely Tyson, New York, NY: actress
Hon. John David Waihee, Honolulu, HI: Governor of Hawaii
Hon. Robert Yazzie, Window Rock, AZ: chief justice, Navajo Nation

Appointment for the National Transportation Safety Board
May 20, 1993

The President today named Jim Hall, a top aide to Tennessee Senator Harlan Mathews, to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

“Jim Hall has had a distinguished career in Government and in the private sector,” said the President. “I am very glad to be appointing him to this Board today.”

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

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President’s Meeting With President Askar Akayev of Kyrgyzstan
May 20, 1993

The President and the Vice President met today at the White House with President Askar Akayev of Kyrgyzstan. The President welcomed the Kyrgyz leader, noting his bold support of human rights, democracy, and market reform in the Kyrgyz Republic. During their talks, the President and Vice President discussed a wide range of issues of mutual concern with President Akayev and welcomed the expansion of bilateral ties between our two countries.

The U.S. remains committed to assisting the Kyrgyz Republic in its difficult transition to a democratic and market-oriented system. The President and Vice President congratulated the Kyrgyz leader for being the first of the new independent states of the former Soviet Union to conclude a stand-by agreement with the International Monetary Fund to promote financial stabilization. They singled out Kyrgyzstan as a model for the other new independent states, praising President Akayev for his government’s bold pursuit of macroeconomic stabilization and democratic reform.

Exchange With Reporters on Bosnia
May 21, 1993

Q. Mr. President, have you reached agreement with the Russians on a Bosnia policy?

The President. Well, Secretary Christopher is talking to Foreign Minister Kozyrev today, and we will try to reach an agreement about what we do next. As you know, the United States is skeptical that we’ll be able to satisfactorily resolve this within the framework that has been proposed, but we do want to work with our allies. And we’re trying our best to reach a joint position, and I hope we can do it.

Q. Are you still ruling out safe havens?

The President. Well, I don’t want to see the United States get in a position where we are recreating Northern Ireland or Lebanon or Cyprus or anything else. There may be some potential down the road for something to be done in connection with the peacekeeping operation,