try to buy the election, they can do whatever they want. We can’t stop them, according to the Supreme Court. So the only incentive we have to get people to live within a lower campaign spending limit is to be able to give them some public funding, which I propose to do not in terms of direct money but for communications vouchers so you can only use it to overcome your disability to reach people through communications, either over television or radio or newspaper or mail. So that’s how our plan would work.

But you should know that the question you asked about mandatory air time would only come up again, probably, if the public funding portion of this fails. We’ve got to find a way to guarantee that voters hear an honest debate at an affordable cost, the election should not be bought, and that incumbents should not be insulated from honest debate and challenge. That’s all we’re trying to do.

Mr. Rather. Mr. President, thank you very, very much. Our thanks to Virgil Dominic, Bill Sullivan, and Allen Howard. Mr. President, we appreciate more than we can say in a short time both being on “CBS This Morning” and taking the extra time to do this. God bless you. Thank you very much. And tell Mrs. Clinton we respect her and we’re pulling for her. Thank you very much.

The President. Thank you very much, Dan. Ms. Chung. Thank you.

The President. Thank you, Connie. And goodbye.

NOTE: The interview began at 9:05 a.m. The President spoke via satellite from the Rose Garden at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this interview.

Remarks on House of Representatives Action on the Budget
May 27, 1993

For a long time now, the American people have wondered whether their Government in Washington could ever really work for them again, ever really face the tough problems. Well, tonight the House of Representatives gave America a victory of growth over gridlock. Tonight the House showed courage and conviction. Tonight the House made hard choices: to cut a quarter of a billion dollars in spending; to ask those most able to pay, the wealthy, to do more to reduce our deficit; to increase incentives to invest and create jobs in the private sector; and to provide the incentives to make people at the bottom rungs of the economy prefer work over welfare. Tonight the House said no to gridlock, no to the status quo, and no to the special interests who worked so very hard to frighten millions of Americans about this program. Tonight the House said yes to jobs, yes to lowering the deficit, yes to lower interest rates, yes to a brighter future.

Tomorrow we go on to the Senate, and we go back to the country. We have broken the gridlock. We are taking responsibility for the future. We are dealing with the tough problems. I am very, very proud of the people who tonight cast a very tough vote in a hard environment for a better tomorrow for America.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:40 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House.

Appointment for Posts at the Department of State
May 27, 1993

The President today announced his intention to appoint Molly Raiser to be the State Department’s Chief of Protocol. He also intends to nominate her to the rank of Ambassador while serving in that capacity. In addition, he approved the appointment of Fred DuVal as Deputy