to put the charts and the words and the numbers with real jobs, real homes, and real people’s lives is what really makes this go for me. And this is what I got elected to do. This is why I ran for President. And I’m doing my best to give real opportunity and hope back to the American people.

Q. But Mr. President, why did you come to someplace where you didn’t—

Q. [Inaudible]—back off with the Btu tax?

Q. Why did you come to someplace where you didn’t succeed in November? You only got 32 percent of the vote here.

The President. Doesn’t matter, because even here I wanted to make the point that it’s not a partisan issue. I mean, I don’t know that a majority of the homebuilders in America or a majority of the realtors in America voted for me in November. Most of them were probably Republicans. But the homebuilders and the realtors, as a group, nationwide, are supporting this program because it’s good for the economy; it means jobs; it means lower interest payments for middle class people, for businesses; and it means economic opportunities. And I wanted to illustrate that this is not a partisan issue. It’s a bipartisan effort to move this economy forward.

Q. Is it still an uphill battle in the Senate, sir?

The President. I’m encouraged. I feel good about it.

Q. Is Lani Guinier a partisan issue, sir?

Q. Are you reconsidering keeping her, sir?

Q. Are you afraid it’s going to look like you’re cutting and running in the face of Senate opposition?

The President. You can’t have it both ways, folks. You can’t say that I’m brave to the point of being crazy for offering an economic plan that raises taxes, cuts spending, and changes things, and for taking on issues like gays in the military and then say we’re cutting and running. This administration has taken more tough positions on more tough issues earlier than any one I can remember. So I don’t think you can have that both ways. This is an idea issue, and I will have more to say about it later.

Q. Are you going to have a speech, Mr. President, this afternoon?

The President. Lower interest rates and real growth. That’s what people who don’t have jobs are worried about.

NOTE: The exchange began at approximately 11:30 a.m. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Remarks to Central State University NAIA Champion Athletic Teams
June 3, 1993

Thank you. Please sit down, ladies and gentlemen. I want to welcome all of you here and especially say a word of welcome and thanks to Senator Glenn and Mrs. Glenn and their daughter. Senator Glenn made this occasion possible today.

I want to welcome a group of extraordinary student athletes, the Marauders and Lady Marauders of Central State University, winners of the NAIA championships in football as well as men and women’s indoor and outdoor track and field. I want to welcome the Central State president Dr. Arthur Thomas.

These teams have been remarkably successful. First of all, Central State’s football team captured the 1992 NAIA Division One national championship with a come-from-behind victory over—what school? [Laughter] This was no fluke. For Coach Billy Joe, named Division One Coach of the Year, it was the second time that
he’s won a national title in 3 years. Coach Joe has guided Central State to the playoffs for the past six seasons and to the finals for the past three. His winning formula: the three D’s he preaches to his players, drive, desire, and determination. These are good words to live by not only on the playing field but here in Washington as well. That is surely what drove the senior quarterback, Henderson Moseley, to lead his team to two touchdowns in the second half of the championship, after being carried off in the first half with a severe ankle injury. I’ve been through that sort of campaign myself. [Laughter] Coach Joe, you’ve earned a fourth D for the Marauders, dynasty. That’s what you’ve put together. And I must say, I’ve carried a special interest in this team because you had to run over the University of Central Arkansas a couple of times in playing for these championships. So we followed it very interestingly.

Now, let me move on to track. The Marauders and the Lady Marauders this year swept the Division One national indoor and outdoor track and field championships, making history. I’m told that this is the first time any college in any league has won four outright team championships in track and field in one year. What a sweet victory, especially for Coach Josh Culbreath, a former Olympian who was also named Coach of the Year. Where is he? You come on down here.

Now, I’m told that Coach Culbreath is known as Pop, although he doesn’t look old enough to be my pop. [Laughter] He came out of retirement 4 years ago to revitalize track and field at Central State. It’s amazing what somebody can accomplish in just 4 years.

This was the first national title in both indoor and outdoor track. At the indoor championship, they captured the title by winning the mile relay in the final event. They also swept the 600-yard run behind the winning pace of team member Neil DeSilva. This young man went on to clock winning times in both the 200- and 400-meter dash, to help them win the outdoor championship.

The Lady Marauders took their indoor title and also their first, winning 6 out of 16 events with record-setting performance and double wins by both Carolyn Sterling and Sherdon Smith. Outdoors, the Lady Marauders claimed their third consecutive NAIA championship, a “threepeat.” Dionne Hemming set a world record for the 400-meter hurdles on her way to earning the title of Most Outstanding Female Performer. Jumping hurdles can also be a useful skill in this city. But I understand Dionne could not be with us here today because she’s in Spain.

On behalf of our Nation, let me salute all of you for your fine performances. You are teams with truly a proven track record. As student athletes at an historically African-American institution, you can be proud of your many achievements. Your drive and your desire and your determination are an example for all Americans.

I want to congratulate both the coaches, give them a chance to say something. And thank you again, Senator Glenn, for bringing them here today to the Rose Garden.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House.

Letter to Congressional Leaders on Trade With Albania, Mongolia, Romania, and Certain States of the Former Soviet Union

June 3, 1993

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

I hereby transmit the documents referred to in section 402(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2432(d)(1)) (“the Act”), with respect to a further 12-month extension of the authority to waive sections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act. These documents constitute my recommendation to continue in effect the waiver authority for a further 12-month period, and include my reasons for determining that continuation of the waiver authority and waivers currently in effect for Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Romania, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan will substantially promote the objec-