Statement on Nuclear Nonproliferation Talks With North Korea

June 11, 1993

I welcome the successful outcome of talks between the United States and North Korea today in New York, which have led to the agreement of North Korea to suspend its withdrawal from the Non-Proliferation Treaty. This agreement is a first but vital step towards ensuring North Korean participation in a strong international nonproliferation regime, a goal that will benefit all nations.

Preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons is one of the highest priorities of my administration, and we will continue to press the North Koreans strongly to comply fully with international standards and to move towards the goal of a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula.

The American negotiating team, under the direction of Assistant Secretary Robert Gallucci, achieved this important step not only on behalf of the people of the United States but on behalf of the entire international community.

NOTE: The statement referred to Robert Gallucci, Assistant Secretary of State for Politico-Military Affairs.

Nomination for Five Ambassadors Posts

June 11, 1993

The President today announced his intention to nominate five career Foreign Service officers to ambassadorial posts. The five are:

William D. Montgomery, Bulgaria
Richard Boucher, Cyprus
Mark Hambley, Lebanon
Roger Gamble, Suriname
Jeffrey Davidow, Venezuela

“Each of these five men has demonstrated the high levels of talent and character required for a sensitive ambassadorial post,” said the President. “I salute them for their continuing service to the United States and thank them for taking on these important assignments.”

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

The President’s Radio Address

June 12, 1993

Good morning. Last night the United Nations, acting with American and other coalition forces, successfully attacked the military positions in Somalia of the warlord Mohamed Farah Aideed. Our forces, thankfully, have sustained no casualties.

The U.N.'s action was a response to a savage attack this past week by Aideed’s forces carried out on U.N. peacekeepers. Aideed’s attack killed 23 Pakistanis and injured 3 Americans serving in the U.N.’s force. It was a cold-blooded ambush on U.N. forces who were delivering food and building peace for the people of Somalia.

The United Nations and the United States refuse to tolerate this ruthless disregard for the will of the international community. Therefore, following a request from the U.N. and pursuant to a U.N. Security Council resolution, I ordered the participation of our troops in this action. I commend the decisive leadership of the U.N. Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali, the commander of the U.N. force, Turkish General Bir, and United States Major General Thomas Montgomery.

With this action, the world community moves to restore order in Somalia’s capital and to underscore its commitment to preserve the security of U.N. forces. For if U.N. peacekeepers are