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Memorandum on Implementation of NAFTA

December 27, 1993

Memorandum for the Secretary of State,
the United States Trade Representative

Subject: Proposed North American Free Trade Agreement

Having considered the relevant measures taken by Canada and Mexico, together with the recommendation of the United States Trade Representative, I have determined that Canada and Mexico have implemented the statutory changes necessary to bring those countries into compliance with their obligations under the North American Free Trade Agreement and that they have made provision to implement the Uniform Regulations provided for under Article 511 of the Agreement regarding the interpretation, application, and administration of the rules of origin. The United States has completed necessary legal procedures in accordance with Article 2203 of the Agreement.

Pursuant to section 101(b) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Public Law 103–182), I hereby direct the Secretary of State to exchange notes with the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico providing for the entry into force, on January 1, 1994, of the Agreement, in accordance with Article 2203 thereof.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 28. The proclamation of December 15 and the Executive order of December 27 on implementation of NAFTA are listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on Implementation of NAFTA

December 27, 1993

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

Pursuant to Section 101(b)(1)(B) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, I am pleased to submit the attached report regarding the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 28.

Statement on the Nomination of Strobe Talbott To Be Deputy Secretary of State

December 28, 1993

I am delighted by the decision of Secretary of State Warren Christopher to nominate Ambassador Strobe Talbott to become Deputy Secretary of State. I have known and respected Ambassador Talbott for over 25 years and have always found him to be a man of great ability, intellect, and vision. He has performed superbly in his current role as Ambassador at Large for the former Soviet Republics, and I have full confidence in his ability to perform equally well in this new capacity at the Department of State.