

who killed all the Palestinians in the mosque. Why should they do something that would hand a victory to the extremists on both sides?

But he is under pressure. We are working on it. I talked firstly to Prime Minister Rabin. We've been in touch with Mr. Arafat. I'm hoping to have a conversation with King Hussein today, and I've talked to President Mubarak, and we're all working on this hard. But I think that they want to come back. And I am not resigned to the fact that it won't happen.

Q. Do the pressures realistically mean you've got to wait a while? I mean, you had hoped to resume—or to start the talks this week.

The President. Well, we'll see. We'll see what the timing is. But I think we can get them back on track. I think Prime Minister Rabin's speech and the steps he's taken were a good beginning, a really good beginning on his part, and we'll just have to see what happens. But again I say, if the peace talks don't get back on track, then we are rewarding the damage and the death wreaked by the extremists. We don't want to do that. We want to keep going. And you know, these ethnic and religious difficulties are very deep and profound, but you just have to keep working at them. And we got some good news yesterday on Bosnia, and we just keep working at these things and do our best to try to bring them to a successful conclusion.

Hugh Rodham

Q. Are you supporting Hugh Rodham?

The President. What? No, what did you say? I couldn't hear you.

Q. Oh, I'm sorry. Are you supporting Hugh Rodham in his campaign?

The President. Well, I don't—first, he hasn't filed. And secondly, we don't know if he's got any opposition in the Democratic primary. I'll be out there in the fall helping all the Democrats. But that's a decision for him to make. He's got to make that decision. I can't make it.

Herschel Friday

Q. Did you want to say something about Herschel Friday, your old staff member?

The President. Well, he was a friend of mine, you know, for 30 years. He did remarkable work in my State. I used to make fun of him for flying just back and forth from—to Little Rock. And he lived a very full life, was a good man and a great citizen. And Hillary and I talked about it this morning and our thoughts and our prayers are with Beth and his family.

Q. Are you going back there, sir?

The President. I don't know. I don't know what the facts are yet. I just heard about it this morning. I actually—right before I went to work early this morning I heard about it.

NOTE: The exchange began at 11:20 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the Report of the Department of Transportation

March 2, 1994

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 308 of Public Law 97-449 (49 U.S.C. 308(a)), I transmit herewith the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Depart-

ment of Transportation, which covers fiscal year 1992.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
March 2, 1994.