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ating fully with the Special Counsel, which is what all of you asked me to do. I wish you'd let them do their work.

Yes.

Middle East Peace Process

Q. Mr. President, do you think that Jews should exercise their right to reside in the middle of Arab cities? And Mr. Prime Minister, could you also respond to that?

The President. What was the question?

Q. Should Jews exercise their right to reside in the middle of Arab cities in the West Bank? Should they live in Hebron, for instance?

Prime Minister Rabin. I don't understand the question.

Q. Well, there were ideas of evacuating Jews from the middle of Hebron, for instance.

Prime Minister Rabin. Again, as part of the DOP that we signed with the PLO, it is said very clearly that the settlements remain there for the period of—the interim period. I'm not saying it. It is written very clearly in the DOP. Therefore, since it was agreed, I don't see at this stage as a condition for anything even to discuss this issue.

Ames and Pollard Espionage Cases

Q. Mr. President, I wonder if you could tell us, and Mr. Prime Minister, the extent to which you've discussed the Jonathan Pollard case again, and how much, if at all, the Ames investigation has interfered with action on it that was presented as imminent several months ago.

The President. We did not discuss it. And the Ames case has not interfered with it inasmuch as the Pollard case is already in the hands of the Justice Department, and the White House is awaiting a recommendation from the Justice Department.

Thank you.

Q. Could you let the Prime Minister answer?

Prime Minister Rabin. In today's meeting the issue was not brought up.

The President. Thank you.

NOTE: The President's 53d news conference began at 1:11 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to President Hafiz al-Asad of Syria.

Nomination for Director of the Voice of America
March 16, 1994

The President today announced the appointment of Geoffrey Cowan as the Director of the Voice of America (VOA) at the U.S. Information Agency. Cowan will serve as the 19th Director of VOA, the international radio broadcasting service of the U.S. Information Agency. His father, Louis G. Cowan, served as the second Director of VOA, from August 1, 1943, to August 31, 1945.

"Geoffrey Cowan has been an important force in almost every facet of the communications world, as a public interest lawyer, best-selling author and award-winning teacher, playwright, television producer, and public servant," said the President. "The Voice of America will be served well with another Cowan at its helm."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Chairman of the African Development Foundation
March 16, 1994

The President today announced his intent to nominate Ernest Green as Chairman and member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

"Ernie is a close friend whose contributions to the United States have already changed the course of this Nation," the President said. "His talents will be a tremendous asset to this important foundation."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Remarks Announcing Antiviolence Public Service Announcements
March 17, 1994

Thank you very much, Alicia. I think your family is here with you—your family members, would you all stand up? Thank you for coming here with her. I want to thank Alicia for that remarkable performance. You know what I said to her when I saw the PSA's? The same thing all of you are thinking; I said, "The one with you in it was a whole lot better."

This is the culmination of a long effort by good people who want to do something about this terrible problem. I thank Phil Geier, the chairman of the Ad Council, and all those who comprise that council and who support this work. I want to thank Jack Calhoun for the work he's done and the 123 organizations that make up his Crime Prevention Coalition and for his remarkable remarks here today.

I thank Saatchi and Saatchi for the work they did and others, members of the creative community who are here with us today who have done their own public service announcements, changed their programming, made a common commitment in an earlier meeting with the Vice President and me to try to make a sustained effort to change the culture of violence that is gripping our country.

I want to say a special word of thanks and greeting to the chairman of our Corporation for National and Community Service, Eli Segal, who is in Miami at the seventh annual Youth Crime Prevention Conference. With 1,200 officers, teachers, community leaders, and others active in crime watch projects, peer counseling, drug prevention programs and others, these people are going to have to carry a lot of the future of our common efforts to reduce violence in America.

You know, if you just read the big headlines in the papers today, a lot of them are very good. There's more growth, more jobs, more opportunity, a real sense of recovery in the country. But we will never become the country we ought to be if we lose another generation of our children to the violence that killed so many and holds the rest hostage.

I can tell you as the father of a teenager, every teenager in the country talks about this issue at home at night, discusses it over the dinner table, is concerned about it, worries about whether they have friends that are going to fall victim to crime. And this is an incredible burden, a burden you can see in the eyes and hear in the voice of Alicia, one that imposes on those of us who are grown an inordinate responsibility to change the conditions and the attitudes which have produced this incredible range of violence.

We now have a higher percentage of our people in prison than any country on the face of the Earth. No other nation has so high a percentage of their people in prison. And yet we worry that we don't have enough jail space and we have to build more.

The broadcast, the cable networks that are here who are supporting this effort and who will make time available are helping us to begin to make a difference. I want to say a special word of encouragement and thanks to them because they've done so much to help change our country for the better with other such campaigns, the campaign to reduce smoking, the campaign to increase seatbelt use, the campaigns to remind so many young people that a mind is a terrible thing to waste, or friends don't let friends drink and drive.

President Roosevelt once said if he hadn't gone into politics he would like to have had a career in advertising. President Kennedy generated his first Peace Corps volunteers through ads like this. Messages can speak to dreams and respond to fears and bring people out of their shells. I hope that we can do that here today.