Chief Warrant Officer Hall was held for too long after his helicopter strayed off course on a routine training mission. But we are very glad that he has been released and is now in freedom.

Earlier this evening, I called his wife, Donna, to tell her that he would be released and how pleased we all were. I know that all Americans join me in sharing the Halls’ happiness that they and their loved ones will now be able to be together and celebrate New Year’s, reunited as a family.

At the same time, I know I can speak for all Americans in saying that we, once again, send our deep condolences to the family of Chief Warrant Office David Hilemon, who died in the same incident. So as we welcome the release of Chief Warrant Officer Hall we must also remember the supreme sacrifice and the service made by his comrade in arms.

We wish all the families our best. We thank them all for their service and their devotion of our country. We wish them Godspeed in the new year.

Thank you very much.

Q. Mr. President, can you tell us, sir, what the United States may have given up in this deal? And the fact that the agreement signed talks about future contacts with the North, was that a concession to the North, and does that cut out South Korea?

The President. No. And the briefings will make that clear. The terms of the agreement are clear from their own words. And we were faithful to all of our commitments to our allies and to our commitments to our own policy.

And I want to thank the team that worked very hard on this. They did a very good job. They performed with dedication, with great discipline, and I’m very pleased by the way it was handled.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:50 p.m. in the Briefing Room at the White House.

Statement on the Attacks on Women’s Clinics in Boston, Massachusetts
December 30, 1994

I strongly condemn the meaningless violence which abruptly ended the lives of two women and wounded five others in Massachusetts today.

Violence has no place in America. No matter where we stand on the issue of abortion, all Americans must stand together in condemning this tragic and brutal act. Nine years ago, President Reagan, a staunch foe of abortion, called for “a complete rejection of violence as a means of settling this issue.” We would do well to heed those words today.

We must protect the safety and freedom of all our citizens. I am strongly committed to ending this form of domestic terrorism. I have called for a thorough investigation into this attack, and Attorney General Reno and FBI Director Freeh have already begun that task. I urge local officials to work closely with the Federal law enforcement community.

Hillary and I extend our deepest sympathy to the friends and families of those who were murdered. I speak for all Americans in expressing my hope for a full and complete recovery for those who were wounded.

The President’s Radio Address
December 31, 1994

Good morning. The celebration of the New Year is an occasion for optimism and hope; it’s full of dreams for the years ahead. At the same time, it’s important that we take last year’s lessons with us into the future, which is exactly why we make New Year’s resolutions. They’re
an avowal to work even harder in the coming year to be the best we can be.

New Year’s is also a very good time to think about what we want for America, as well as for our own families in the year ahead, and about what each of us can do to make our great Nation the best that it can be.

My New Year’s resolution to all of you is simple: I’m going to keep doing the work we have begun to help Americans compete and win in the new global economy and to restore the American dream for middle class families.

First and foremost, we should do nothing to jeopardize the economic recovery we have helped to create over the last 2 years. Our deficit reduction plan has already cut our deficit by $700 billion. That’s over $10,000 of debt for every American family. The economic strategy we have pursued, reducing the deficit, expanding trade, investing in the education and training of our people in the technologies of the future, this strategy has helped to produce over 5 million new jobs in the last 2 years and, in 1994, more high-wage jobs than in the previous 5 years combined.

We’re cutting the Federal bureaucracy by over 272,000 people to its smallest size in 30 years. And with these cuts in Government, we’ve used the savings to invest in the American people, to expand Head Start, to make college loans more affordable to 20 million Americans, and already giving a tax cut to over 15 million working families with incomes under $27,000 a year. And with these cuts in the Government, which I have proposed. An important part of my New Year’s resolution is this: I won’t allow anyone to destroy the progress we have made in reducing the deficit.

On this New Year’s Eve, I want to welcome the new Congress. I ask them to put aside partisan differences, as I pledge to do, and join me in a New Year’s resolution to do everything we can to help Americans prosper; to reduce yesterday’s Government but help Government stay on the side of American families; to give the middle class tax relief but to do it responsibly, without exploding the deficit; to keep investing in education and job training; and to make our tax relief targeted toward the future, toward raising children, educating and training people, toward the things which make America great.

I want to close by asking all of you to join me as well. Nothing we do here will succeed unless each of you takes a personal responsibility first to develop your own capacity and those of your family members and then to rekindle a sense of community and common purpose in America. We are not enemies in this country. We are all in this together. We are going up or down together. With all of our diversity and
differences, unless we work together, we can
never make America the best it can be. So let’s
all make a New Year’s resolution to face the
future challenges together so that we can realize
together the opportunities that lie ahead.

Tomorrow, as you visit with your friends and
your family, I hope you’ll talk about the ideas
in the middle class bill of rights. In the coming
weeks, when you’re back at work or when you’re
on the phone with friends, I hope you’ll talk
about the future and about the future you want
for your families and your country. And I hope
you’ll do a lot of listening to each other and
arguing with each other, but don’t forget for
a moment that we have more in common than
what divides us. This is the great source of our
abiding strength.

Hillary and I wish you and your family a
very happy New Year. Please be careful tonight,
and thanks for listening.

NOTE: The address was recorded at 10:55 a.m.
on December 28 in the Roosevelt Room at the
White House for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on De-
cember 31.

Statement on the Cessation of Hostilities in Bosnia
December 31, 1994

I welcome the agreement of the parties for
a 4-month cessation of hostilities in Bosnia.
We hope it will be respected fully and
pave the way for a negotiated settlement that
brings peace to all the long-suffering people
of Bosnia.

We applaud the flexibility that the parties
have shown and commend the United Nations
and former President Carter for their efforts.
We will be working with our Contact Group
partners, the United Nations, and the parties
in a renewed effort to seize this opportunity
for peace.