Statement on Food and Drug Administration Approval of an HIV/AIDS Drug  
March 1, 1996

Our national investment in AIDS research is paying off. Among scientists, as among many people living with HIV, despair is giving way to hope. We cannot stop now. We must recommit ourselves to finding a cure.

NOTE: The statement referred to the Food and Drug Administration’s approval of the second protease inhibitor to treat HIV/AIDS.

Statement on Yellowstone National Park  
March 1, 1996

Today marks the 124th anniversary of Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone is home to more than half of the world’s geysers, America’s largest herds of elk and bison, and one of the great places on the Earth where we teach our children the mysteries of nature.

Conservation history was made 124 years ago today, when Yellowstone was designated the world’s first national park. It is a tribute to the wisdom of the American people that we are willing to set aside and preserve some wild places. Yellowstone was entrusted to our care by our ancestors who had a vision. We now have a responsibility to care for Yellowstone so that our children and their children can experience the wonder of nature and the wisdom of our ancestors.

The President’s Radio Address  
March 2, 1996

Good morning. Something remarkable happened this week, something that can forever help parents, children, and anybody who cares about what our children watch on television. We took an enormous step toward controlling the images of violence and vice that can enter our homes and disturb our children.

Television is one of the most influential voices that can enter a home. It can be entertaining, enlightening, and educating. But when it transmits pictures or words we wouldn’t want our children to see and hear in real life, television can become an unwelcome intruder, one that parents have too often found too difficult to control.

In study after study, the evidence has steadily mounted that television violence is numbing and corrosive. It can have a destructive impact on young children. In my State of the Union speech, I challenged the Members of Congress to give control back to parents. I asked them to require TV’s to include the V-chip, a device that lets parents filter out programs they don’t want to let into their homes and their children’s lives.

Congress answered that challenge, and 3 weeks ago when I signed the telecommunications bill into law, the V-chip also became law. Now it will be standard in new television sets sold in our country. We need this.

To make the V-chip work, I invited leaders of the media and entertainment industry to come to the White House to work with us to help our families. And this past Thursday I met with the leaders of the television networks, the production studios, the cable companies, actors, directors, and writers. Their response was overwhelming, and our meeting was a great success.

For the first time ever, leaders of the television and entertainment industry have come to-