Tutu reminds us that the search for justice begins in the heart. His appeal to conscience brought out the best in all South Africans, and his leadership leaves a legacy of decency and spiritual renewal. On behalf of the American people, I extend this heartfelt tribute to Archbishop Tutu as a token of our profound respect and lasting admiration.

NOTE: This statement is the text of a message sent by the President to the retirement ceremony for Archbishop Tutu in South Africa.

Message to the Congress Reporting a Budget Deferral
June 24, 1996

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I here-with report one revised deferral of budgetary resources, totaling $7.4 million. The deferral affects the Social Security Administration.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
June 24, 1996.

NOTE: The report detailing the deferral was published in the Federal Register on July 3.

Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Reception in New York City
June 24, 1996

Thank you very much. I want to—I sort of want to quit while I’m ahead. [Laughter] I’ve had a wonderful time. Thank you, Wynton Marsalis, and thank you, all you musicians. You were magnificent. Mr. Marsalis, you know, is probably the only great musician today who has basically proved himself a genius at both classical and jazz music. And he’s a great American treasure. I’m honored to have his support and to have him here tonight. Thank you very much.

Thank you, Senator Moynihan. I never fail to learn something from Senator Moynihan. And shoot, I didn’t know that no other President had a long economic expansion with very low unemployment and high inflation. I knew it was the best in 27 years; I didn’t know it never happened before. [Laughter] They accuse me of overstatement. [Laughter] Senator Moynihan’s my dictionary of established truth and fact in America. We have been understating the economic achievements of this administration. Thank you very much.

I always love being with Al Franken, but when I close my eyes I sometimes think that—I have this eerie experience that I’m on the same stage with Al D’Amato. [Laughter] He sounds more like Senator D’Amato than Senator D’Amato. [Laughter] You know, when Al got up here—I never know what he’s going to say; that makes two of us. [Laughter] He made that crack about the White House not making any mistakes. I thought to myself, we’re about to see one unfold right here on the podium. [Laughter] But if you haven’t read his book, you ought to read it. It’s shameless for me to say, but it’s a good book for our side. If you read Al Franken’s book and James Carville’s book, “We’re Right and They’re Wrong,” you know all you need to know to take you all the way to November. They’ll get you through there.

I’d like to just take a few moments to speak somewhat seriously about this election. I have to speak seriously. I used to be funny, and they told me it wasn’t Presidential, so I had to stop. The other day I was at one of these—an event rather like this, and there was a young boy there who was 10 years old. His father brought him. And this young man walked up and shook my hand. And just as mature as you please, he said, “Mr. President, I imagine once you become President it’s rather difficult to find a joke you can tell in public, isn’t it?” [Laughter]