

Joint Statement With Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan on the Situation in Kashmir

July 4, 1999

President Clinton and Prime Minister Sharif share the view that the current fighting in the Kargil region of Kashmir is dangerous and contains the seeds of a wider conflict. They also agreed that it was vital for the peace of South Asia that the Line of Control in Kashmir be respected by both parties, in accordance with their 1972 Simla Accord. It was agreed between the President and the Prime Minister that concrete steps will be taken for the restoration of the line of control in accordance with the Simla Agreement. The President urged an immediate cessation of the hostilities once these steps are taken. The Prime Minister and President agreed

that the bilateral dialogue begun in Lahore in February provides the best forum for resolving all issues dividing India and Pakistan, including Kashmir. The President said he would take a personal interest in encouraging an expeditious resumption and intensification of those bilateral efforts, once the sanctity of the Line of Control has been fully restored. The President reaffirmed his intent to pay an early visit to South Asia.

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Remarks to the Community in Hazard, Kentucky

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Thank you very much. Well, the Governor always told me, if I would only come to Appalachia, I would get a very warm welcome. I want to thank the good people of Hazard and Perry County for giving me that warm welcome. I want to thank all the people of eastern Kentucky who have made me and my party feel so welcome today: Paul and Judy Patton; I thank Mayor Gorman and Judge Noble. I thank those who have come with me today: our Agriculture Secretary—you heard from Secretary Glickman—our HUD Secretary, Secretary Cuomo; SBA Administrator Alvarez. We have two Congressmen here: Jim Clyburn from South Carolina and Paul Kanjorski who came all the way from Pennsylvania because they have places like Appalachia there, and they wanted to come down here to be with you.

I want to thank Duane Ackerman and the other CEO's who are here, including Dick Huber of Aetna; the One Central Bank Kentucky CEO, Kit Stolen; Sara Gould from the Ms. Foundation; John Sykes from Sykes Enterprises. I'll mention him in a moment.

I want to thank the Reverend Jesse Jackson, who keeps hope alive, and the others in our group, including Al From, the leader of the

Democratic Leadership Council, and David Wilhelm, who is from nearby in Ohio and was my first Democratic National Committee chairman. I'd like to thank the young people here in AmeriCorps, and I would like to say a special word of thanks to Cawood Ledford. Boy, he is—I was thinking that if old Cawood had been a political announcer instead of a basketball announcer and I could have kept him with me these last 25 years, I'd have never lost an election.

You know, Kentucky has been good to me and Hillary and to the Vice President. It has been brought to my attention that, in addition to the economy, we've been pretty good for Kentucky. Since I've been in office, UK basketball has had the most successful 6 years since Adolph Rupp was the coach, and Tim Couch hasn't done badly, either.

You know, yesterday we celebrated the last Fourth of July of this century, the last Fourth of July of this century. Think of it: 223 Independence Days. I want you all to drink plenty of water, and I'll make this quick, but you need to know why we came here. I wanted to come to the heart of America and Appalachia to talk about whether we're all going forward into the