

July 6 / Administration of William J. Clinton, 1999

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:25 a.m. at the Waterfield Cabinet Co. In his remarks, he referred to Robert C. Koerber, president and chief executive officer, and Cora Porter, assistant plant manager, Waterfield Cabinet Co.; civil rights leader Jesse Jackson; David J. Bronczek, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Federal Express; Jack W. Haugslund, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Greyhound Lines, Inc.; Lt. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, State Attorney General Mike Moore, and former Governors Ray Mabus and William Winter of Mississippi; former Gov. Charles (Buddy) Roemer of Louisiana; Wil-

liam J. Bynum, president, Enterprise Corporation of the Delta; Muhammad Yunus, founder and chief executive officer, Grameen Bank, Bangladesh; Catherine P. Bessant, president, Community Development Banking Group, Bank of America; J. Wayne Leonard, chief executive officer, Entergy Corp.; and Robert D. Cabe, executive vice president for legal, governmental relations, and community services, Arkansas Blue Cross & Blue Shield. Former Governors Mabus and Roemer were vice chairs of the now-defunct Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission.

Remarks on the New Markets Initiative, in Clarksdale

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I will be very brief. It's hot. You've waited for me a long time, and I appreciate it. I'm glad to be back here. I'm glad to be in the Delta. I'm glad to have brought business leaders from all over the country here today.

We are trying to send a message to America that good people live here. They have not fully participated in this economic recovery that has swept our country and lifted up America's economy as strong as it's ever been, and we can't rest until every American who wants to work has a chance to get a good education, a good job, and raise a family in a strong community.

And what we're proposing to do is simply to say to the investors of the country, take a

look at the Delta, take a look at these other places in America that haven't grown as they should have, and we will give you the same tax and other incentives to invest in American new markets that we give you today to invest around the world. I think we ought to give people the same incentive to go to the Delta. That's the message. You help us get the message out.

Good luck, God bless you, and thank you for making me feel welcome. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:09 p.m. at Clarksdale Airport prior to departure for East St. Louis, IL. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks to the Community in East St. Louis, Illinois

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Thank you. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I used to think that I was reasonably astute at public affairs, but I don't have any better sense than to get up here and try to speak behind Mayor Powell, Cathy Bessant, and Jesse Jackson. I don't know how smart I am today. *[Laughter]*

Let me say to all of you, it is wonderful to be here. Madam Mayor, thank you for making us feel so welcome and for your sterling leadership. I'm delighted to be here with Jackie,

your hero and my friend who is all of our heroes. Thank you.

Thank you, Dave Bernauer, for this wonderful Walgreens store. I'm going to go in and shop in a minute—add to the local community. Thank you, Mel Farr, for bringing jobs and opportunities and cars, even in 2 months' installments, to every community in this country. *[Laughter]* Thank you. Thank you, Reverend Jackson, for believing that we could keep hope alive in every