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how serious they are. You know, they've said things before and not meant it. If they mean it now, so much the better. I'll see.

Q. How are you going to know if they mean it, sir?

The President. We will know them by their deeds, not their words.

NOTE: The President spoke at 6:38 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Ira Magaziner, Senior Adviser to the President for Policy Development.

Statement on the National Commission To Ensure a Strong Competitive Airline Industry

April 29, 1993

Today, I am, in conjunction with the bipartisan congressional leadership, releasing the names of the members of the National Commission to Ensure a Strong and Competitive Airline Industry.

This Commission will enable us to start planning the revitalization of one of our country's most important industries, one of our most important exporters, one of our Nation's most important employers: the aircraft manufacturers and carriers that have been the pride of the United States and the world's leaders since the beginning of aviation. I pledge that this Commission will have the full resources of every Agency of the Federal Government at its disposal.

Each of the individuals on this Commission brings a strong record of accomplishment in his or her field, together with a keen sense of the importance of aviation in a global economy. Each of them has demonstrated the ability to look toward the future and the energy and intellect to shape the course of the current airline debate.

I would like to thank the bipartisan congressional leadership for their support and leadership in creating this Commission and in selecting persons of such high caliber.

The Chairman of the Commission will be an old friend and former colleague of mine, former Virginia Governor Gerald L. Baliles. Perhaps no other Governor in the past decade devoted more thought and attention to the global nature of the challenges facing his State. Governor Baliles always recognized that the nature of competition had changed fundamentally and that any strategy to shape that change must be rooted in a vision extending beyond our borders. He recognized that aviation is the lifeblood of commerce in a global economy and made it an important part of his State's competitiveness strategy. That is what we must do now at a national level.

As the legislation creating this Commission was debated in Congress, it became clear that there are many different explanations of why our airline carriers and manufacturers are facing such financial difficulty. And those issues will be debated. But it will be valuable for the Commission to take a step back from that debate and examine the context in which the aviation industry operates. To the extent the Commission can help us understand how we got to where we are today and provide a vision for a competitive future, it will have rendered an invaluable service. I look forward to receiving their report and pledge the full cooperation of my entire administration in their work.

NOTE: The Office of the Press Secretary announced the membership of the Commission as follows:

The members of the Commission appointed by the President are:

Gerald L. Baliles, Chair, partner, Hunton & Williams, and former Governor of Virginia, Richmond, VA

Bette B. Anderson, president, Kelly, Anderson and Associates, Inc., Washington, DC

Sylvia A. de Leon, partner, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, Washington, DC

Herbert D. Kelleher, chief executive officer, Southwest Airlines, Dallas, TX

Gina F. Thomas, managing attorney for international and regulatory affairs, Federal Express Corp., Memphis, TN

The members appointed by the Senate are:

Charles "Chip" M. Barclay, president, the American Association of Airport Executives, Washington, DC

Robert F. Daniell, chief executive officer, United Technologies, West Hartford, CT

Felix G. Rohatyn, managing partner, Lazard Freres and Co., New York, NY

Russell W. Meyer, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer, Cesna Aircraft Company, Wichita, KS

Abraham D. Sofaer, partner, Hughes, Hubbard and Reed, Washington, DC

The members appointed by the House are:

Captain J. Randolph Babbitt, president, Airline Pilots Association (ALPA), Oakton, VA

John Peterpaul, vice president, International Association of Machinists (IAM), Silver Spring, MD

Sandra Pianalto, first vice president, Federal Reserve Bank, Cleveland, OH

John E. Robson, Lister Crown distinguished faculty fellow, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Daniel M. Kasper, director of Transportation Practice, Harbridge House, Inc., Boston, MA

The ex-officio (non-voting) members are:

Laura D'Andrea Tyson, Chair, President's Council of Economic Advisers, CA

Senator J. James Exon, NE

Senator Ernest Hollings, SC

Senator Patty Murray, WA

Senator John Danforth, MO

Senator Slade Gorton, WA

Representative Richard Gephardt, MO

Representative Robert Borski, PA

Representative Maria Cantwell, WA

Representative Newt Gingrich, GA

Representative Bud Shuster, PA

Proclamation 6553—National Day of Prayer, 1993

April 30, 1993

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The American people were the first to define a nation in terms of both spirituality and human liberty. Throughout our Nation's history, America has been a beacon for millions in search of spiritual and religious freedom. Immigrants have come to the United States seeking not just freedom from persecution and discrimination, but also freedom for the right of self-determination. On this National Day of Prayer, we reaffirm this fundamental freedom of religion that has made our Nation so strong.

Thomas Jefferson understood the greater purpose of the liberty that our Founding Fathers sought during the creation of our Nation. Although it was against the British that the colonists fought for political rights, the true source of the rights of man was clearly stated in the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson wrote that all humans are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights . . . ." It was self-evident to him that denying these rights was wrong and that he and others must struggle to win what was theirs.

The epic struggle of the Revolutionary War and the vigilance that the protection of our rights has required have embedded in our Nation a profound understanding of the true meaning and value of our freedom. With the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness comes the duty to use those rights for the good of humankind. This belief is fundamental to the American tradition. The result of our Founding Fathers' conception of a state created by man through the responsible use of God-given rights is a Nation of unparalleled freedom and dazzling diversity.

Today we face great challenges. The diversity that gives us so much strength is often seen as a source of division. We are searching for solutions to the difficult challenges of providing a safe and rewarding future for our children, securing adequate health care for our people, and of building good, nurturing communities.

Through prayer our people take a moment away from the concerns of everyday life to understand the greater power that gives us guidance. We come together in an act common to all religions. Prayer gives us a quiet space to remember and contemplate the greater purpose of the activity that fills our lives. As a Nation, we understand the common bonds we all share, and we recommit ourselves to serving a greater good. Prayer enables us to rejoice in our freedoms and understand the implicit responsibility that accompanies them. We return to the guiding vision that gives our Nation so much vitality.

By joint resolution of the Congress, approved April 17, 1952, the people have recognized the role of spiritual reaffirmation and