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NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Robert C. Byrd, President pro tempore of the Senate.

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's Telephone Conversation With President Boris Yeltsin of Russia

June 28, 1993

Beginning at about 1:15 p.m. this afternoon, President Clinton spoke with Russian President Boris Yeltsin for 30 minutes. The two leaders exchanged views on issues to be discussed at the G–7 summit in Tokyo. President Clinton described G–7 efforts to develop a program to support the process of democratic reform and development of free markets in Russia and said the U.S. expects the G–7 to move forward with a solid package of assistance.

President Clinton also reviewed progress made in implementing the U.S. bilateral assistance package he announced in Vancouver, noting that the U.S. had already obligated more than half of the $1.6 billion. President Clinton said that the separate and additional $1.8 billion assistance package for Russia has been approved by the House of Representatives and was under consideration by the Senate. He reiterated to President Yeltsin his full support for this effort.

Nomination for a Member of the National Labor Relations Board

June 28, 1993

The President announced today that he intends to nominate law professor and arbitrator William Gould to the National Labor Relations Board.

''William Gould has a tremendous amount of both practical and scholarly experience in labor law,'' said the President, ''and stands for the principles I want the NLRB to uphold: the rights of all workers to participate in labor organizations and the need for labor and management to work together to increase our Nation's competitiveness in a global marketplace. I think that he will be an excellent addition to the Labor Relations Board.''

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for a Member of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting

June 28, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate University of Arkansas political scientist Diane Blair to be a member of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

''Diane Blair is one of the most capable and committed people I know,'' said the President. ''She is one of the most respected people in our State and a dear friend of mine and of Hillary's. I think that she will do an excellent job of maintaining the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's outstanding record.''

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Remarks at the Democratic National Committee Presidential Gala

June 28, 1993

Thank you very much. Thank you so much. First, let me say a special word of thanks to Scott Pastrick for this wonderful dinner and all those who worked on it, to Roy Furman for agreeing to take on this enormous responsibility in the Democratic Party. I don't think the first time he came to my attention or, rather, I came to his—he hosted me in his office—if he had known then that he'd wind up on this stage tonight, I'm not sure he would have done it. And I thank him. Like so many others, he came into the leadership of this party because of the campaign of 1992.

I thank my dear friend David Wilhelm for his leadership and all of those who work in the vineyards of the Democratic Party. I