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concur with the Director's comments and observations.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

Statement on the Death of Patrick Lippert

July 14, 1993

I am deeply saddened by the untimely death of one of America's brightest young leaders, Patrick Lippert. An activist for many years, most recently Patrick launched Rock the Vote, an organization that reinvigorated an entire generation's interest in our democratic process by rallying them to vote in the past election, many for the first time. Rock the Vote will continue to serve as a political forum for countless new generations of young Americans to come, thanks in large part to Patrick.

Many remarkable Americans have accomplished far less than Patrick did in his 35 years. As executive director of Rock the Vote, he helped to conceive of and then to pass the motor voter bill, which will make registering to vote much easier for millions of Americans. I was honored to have Patrick at my side 6 weeks ago as I signed the bill into law.

Patrick's friends knew him as a tireless and selfless fighter for the rights of people he never even knew. His concern for people and for his country was profound. He will be sorely missed by all of us who were inspired by his relentless fight for change. His passing should serve as a reminder that we must rededicate ourselves to the ideals he stood for.

Nominations for the Department of Defense

July 14, 1993

The President announced today that he intends to nominate R. Noel Longuemare to be the Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Gilbert F. Casellas to be General Counsel of the Air Force.

''Today we are naming two more people to our Pentagon team,'' said the President, ''both of whom are respected professionals who have achieved high levels of achievement in the private sector. I am grateful to both of them for coming into public service.''

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nominations for the Department of Labor

July 14, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate Martin Manley to be the Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Office of the New American Workplace and John Calhoun Wells to be Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

''Martin Manley and John Calhoun Wells have both spent much of their lives trying to bring labor and management together in partnerships for growth,'' said the President. ''That is exactly the kind of person that we need in these important positions. I am confident that they will bring that same spirit of cooperation to their work in my administration.''

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Remarks Announcing the Community Development Banking and Finance Initiative

July 15, 1993

Thank you very much. I want to say to Joe and Beverly and Tim, they have stated more eloquently the case than I ever could for the work we are here to begin today. I thank them for their presence here and for their fine presentations.

I want to acknowledge, too, the presence in the audience of so many people who have been involved in community development financing for a long time. I thank all of you for coming from all over America. We have a remarkable group of people here from the United States Government from the execu-