

face today. And I thank you for saying that. Give them a hand. [Applause]

[At this point, the facilitator mentioned Hurricane Emily and other natural disasters and introduced three participants who spoke about their experiences working to restore disaster areas.]

The President. First, let me just say a simple thank you to all of you.

I was in the Midwest during the floods on four occasions, and I saw a lot of young people there working hard and really giving it all they had. But one of the things I think being a Governor is a good preparation for President is dealing with natural disasters, because when you see them occur—first of all, it's just breathtaking to see a flood take away a town or a tornado or a hurricane blow away a place. But the other thing, you know, is just what you got through saying, that everybody pours out their heart when it's happening, and they come and help. But a year from now there are still people who don't have their lives together. And the stresses on the families and the communities are staggering.

One interesting thing we have done is to— as soon as I got in office, I named Henry Cisneros as the administration's coordinator for dealing with the long-term relief of Hurricane Andrew. Then I named Mike Espy, the Agriculture Secretary, as the administration's coordinator for dealing with the long-term relief of the flood in the Midwest. These are the kinds of things that we have to do. We've got to stay with it for the long run. And I hope that the national service project can provide volunteers next year in the Midwest if they are needed, and next year in south Florida if they are needed, so that we don't forget about those people. It takes a long time to recover from a disaster of the magnitude of Andrew or a 500-year flood, which is what we just had in the Midwest. And I really thank you for it. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11 a.m. in the Adele H. Stamp Student Union at the University of Maryland.

Nomination for Director of the Indian Health Service

August 31, 1993

The President today announced his intention to nominate Dr. Michael Trujillo, a physician who has spent his career working to better health care delivery to Native Americans across the country, as Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services.

"Many Americans are without adequate health care, but access to care for our country's Native Americans has been particularly poor," the President said. "Dr. Trujillo has a well-earned reputation for working to change that situation, and I am confident he will work hard to improve the delivery of health care to Native Americans in our cities and reservations."

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

Nomination for Posts at the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Labor, Veterans Affairs, and the Agency for International Development

August 31, 1993

The President today announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to posts in his administration:

Department of Agriculture

Michael Dunn, Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration

Department of Defense

H. Allen Holmes, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict

Department of Labor

J. Davitt McAteer, Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health

Preston Taylor, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment and Training

Department of Veterans Affairs

Kathy Jurado, Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs

Agency for International Development

Mark Schneider, Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean

The President applauded his new nominees. "These individuals, experienced in each of their fields, are important additions to our administration," the President said.

"Michael Dunn's work at the National Farmers Union will serve him well as he takes the helm on issues important to rural Americans. H. Allen Holmes brings an extensive knowledge of foreign affairs and previous State Department experience to his new role. Mr. McAteer's important work in mine safety will assist him as he works to ensure the safety of our country's mine workers.

"I am confident General Taylor will be an effective advocate for veterans in the Labor Department as will Kathy Jurado in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Mark Schneider's experience in pan-American issues will also bode him well as he takes his post at AID," the President said.

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

Announcement of Thirty-eight Senior Executive Service Appointments

August 31, 1993

The President today announced his appointment of 38 men and women to Senior Executive Service posts in his administration.

"I am proud today to name these hard-working men and women to posts in my administration," the President said.

Asian Development Bank

N. Cinnamon Dornsife, Alternate Executive Director

Department of Commerce

Gary Bachula, Deputy Under Secretary for Technology Administration

Keith Calhoun-Senghor, Director of the Office of Space Commerce

Michele C. Farquhar, Director of the Office of Policy Coordination and Management, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Katherine W. Kimball, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Paul L. Rosenberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning for the International Trade Administration

Jonathan M. Silver, Assistant Deputy Secretary

Department of Defense

Cheryl P. Bowen, Executive Director of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

Joan Kelly Horn, Chair of the Reinvestment Assistance Task Force

Josephine S. Huang, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Environmental Security

Clark A. Murdock, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Plans

David Ochmanek, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Resources and Plans

Department of Education

Eugene E. Garcia, Director of the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs

Thomas Hehir, Director for Special Education Programs

Jana Sawyer Prewitt, Special Assistant to the Director for Communications, Office of Public Affairs

European Bank of Reconstruction and Development

Lee Jackson, Alternate Executive Director

General Services Administration

Cynthia A. Metzler, Associate Administrator