

**Q.** How much input did you have in this? I mean, is this you?

**The President.** I like it a lot. A little input. I thought a darker rug would be pretty and would lift the room and something other than white couches. I like it.

You ought to sit on the couches. He also made them stronger so people don't sink in when they come in here. Did you ever go into an office and sink into the couch, you know? I don't think that's very good, so I wanted people to feel good.

Helen [Helen Thomas, United Press International], when Mickey opened his coat, did you think of President Johnson? [*Laughter*]

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:37 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

### **Executive Order 12860—Adding Members to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States**

*September 3, 1993*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-418; 102 Stat. 1107), section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (Public Law 102-484; 106 Stat. 2315), to designate additional members to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1.** Executive Order No. 11858, as amended, is further amended by inserting in Section 1(a), after the title "Director of the Office of Management and Budget," the following additional titles: "(9) the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy."; "(10) the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs."; and "(11) the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy.".

**Sec. 2.** This order shall take effect immediately.

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
September 3, 1993.

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NOTE: This Executive order will be published in the *Federal Register* on September 8.

### **Proclamation 6587—National POW/MIA Recognition Day** *September 3, 1993*

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### **A Proclamation**

This year we have witnessed major changes in the global political landscape. Although democracy is taking root in many new areas, the forces of repression pose continuing challenges around the world. Throughout this dynamic period, one theme rings true to all Americans: Our Nation owes a lasting debt of gratitude to all those selfless members of our Armed Forces who have risked their own freedom and safety to defend the lives and liberty of others. As a measure of our thanks and as an expression of our determination to keep faith with those who faithfully serve and defend us, we take this occasion to remember those special Americans for whom an accounting has not yet been made.

In honor of these Americans, on September 10, 1993, the flag of the National League of POW/MIA families will be flown over the White House; the U.S. Departments of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs; the Selective Service System headquarters; and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This black and white banner—emblematic of America's missing—flies as a stark reminder to the world of our Nation's resolve.

We acknowledge a continuing obligation to these casualties of war, America's missing service members and civilians. Our Nation remains committed to this cause, a matter

of highest national priority. We renew our pledge to obtain the answers that the family members of these heroes deserve, recognizing the profound loss they have endured and their steadfast resolve to gain the peace of certainty.

**Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton,** President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 10, 1993, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. I urge all Americans to join in honoring former American POWs as well as those Americans still unaccounted for as a result of their service to our great Nation. I also encourage the American people to express their gratitude to the families of these missing Americans for their dedication to seeking the truth and their determination to persevere through the many years of waiting. Finally, I ask State and local officials and private organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this third day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

**William J. Clinton**

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### **Message on the Observance of Labor Day, 1993**

*September 3, 1993*

On this important occasion of Labor Day, we take time out of our active schedules to honor the working men and women of America whose diligence and energy have made this country great.

These are the men and women whose sweat and toil built this nation from the ground up. They laid the railways, highways, and runways that brought this far-flung land together. They created an industrial machine

that became and still remains the envy of the world. They answered the call in every time of need and forged the military might of a superpower. And, more recently, they have led the world into a new age of communications and services. Their labors have fed, clothed, and housed this nation in good times and in bad.

Despite labor's tremendous contribution to the growth and success of our country, those who worked hard and played by the rules were once frequently unrecognized and exploited. Yet the cause of labor has advanced greatly in this century because of the determined efforts of brave labor leaders who risked their own security to bring about fair working conditions and a decent standard of living for the rank and file men and women of this country. Labor Day gives us all an opportunity to recognize the pivotal role that working men and women have played in our history.

We are now at the dawn of a new era of prosperity. On this Labor Day, let us dedicate ourselves to the idea that hard work should be justly rewarded. We still have much to do. The challenges of remaining competitive in a global economy make it all the more imperative that we continue to embrace the ideas of innovation and industry. All of us have our own contribution to make to the success of America. We don't have a single person to waste. Recognizing this, we can celebrate this day by reflecting upon the dignity of labor and the pride felt in a job well done.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday.

**Bill Clinton**

### **Announcement of Eight Senior Executive Service Appointments**

*September 3, 1993*

The President today appointed eight individuals to senior executive service posts in the Departments of Agriculture and Transportation.