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Lt. Gen. Raoul Cédras, commander of the Haitian armed forces, and Michael Manley, former Prime Minister of Jamaica.

Nomination for Ambassador to Switzerland and Appointment of Representative to the World Conservation Union

October 25, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate M. Larry Lawrence to be Ambassador to Switzerland and his intention to appoint Shelia Davis Lawrence as Special U.S. Representative to the World Conservation Union, an independent scientific organization that promotes the protection and preservation of natural resources throughout the world.

"Larry and Shelia Lawrence are two of the most concerned, active, and able people that I know," said the President. "I look forward to the work that they will do for our country in Switzerland."

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

Nomination for Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration

October 25, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate Linda H. Daschle to be the Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration at the Department of Transportation.

"Linda Daschle's wide range of experience in the aviation industry, in Government, and as a consumer give her the perspective that is needed for this position," said the President. "She will be a welcome presence at the FAA."

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

Remarks Announcing Federal Procurement Reforms and Spending Cut Proposals

October 26, 1993

Ladies and gentlemen, the Presidential memorandum on electronic commerce which I have just signed is, as the Vice President said, a direct result of the work done by the National Performance Review. It will make our antiquated paper-based procurement system accessible to anybody with a personal computer. It will open up a world of possibilities to small businesses in America and drive down costs to taxpayers.

This demonstrates why the National Performance Review has been and will continue to be a success. The NPR has become a true action plan for unprecedented cost cutting and reinvention across the entire governmental process. It's dedicated to reforms that will give us a Government that actually does work better and cost less.

We want to give the taxpayer a more efficient Government, to reduce the deficit, to provide new resources so that we can also respond to urgent national needs. The proposals we announce today meet every one of those objectives. By sending to Congress a bill that produces billions in savings, we will now be able to finance an expansion of our anticrime activities at a time when the country desperately needs it. Reinventing Government is working, and I want to say a special word of thanks to the Vice President for his outstanding leadership on this project.

Today I am sending to Congress a significant package of spending cuts, totaling $10 billion, based on the National Performance Review and fulfilling a promise I made to further reduce the deficit by spending cuts in that amount—sending, excuse me, spending cuts in that amount to Congress that could be passed in this calendar year. The Government reform act phases out Federal support for wool, mohair, and honey; consolidates environmental satellite programs; streamlines the operations of the Departments of Agriculture and Housing and Urban Development; reduces costly regulation; and proposes other reforms reflecting more than 20 deficit-cutting recommendations of NPR.