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## Remarks Honoring the NCAA Soccer Champion University of Virginia Cavaliers

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Thank you very much, Mr. Vice President, Senator Robb, Mrs. Reid, and to the captains and all the members of this wonderful team, and your coach, and your athletic director, and your parents and friends.

We're very honored to have you here today. I was thinking about this a little bit. The Vice President is right, he and I are from the South, and when we were boys nobody played soccer down there, and we had to learn about it really through our children. And one of my most prized pictures is a picture of my daughter trying to do what they did. It hangs on my wall in the White House now, with Chelsea kicking her soccer ball. I have followed this game closely since she was about 5 and entered a league which had both boys and girls in it. And I watched the little girls grow up in this league, fighting with the boys on the soccer field. It was a great experience for me. And I'm really proud that the United States is going to hold the World Cup here. I think it will do a lot for soccer in the United States and a lot for our image as a soccer-playing country throughout the world.

But I think that today I'd like to focus on what this fine team has done for the sport in the United States and to thank you for that. I also noticed that, Coach, my researchers tell me that your record is 252–54 and 29 ties. And if that is true, we would like to invite you to become a congressional liaison. [*Laughter*] We would like margins like that on our major bills. I don't know how you did that.

I also was thinking we might recruit your goaltender. Jeff Causey, where are you? That's what being President is like; people take shots at you all the time, day in and day out. [*Laughter*] And we decided that you could help us be in the right sort of frame of mind to come to work every day.

We're delighted to have you here. We're proud of you. We're proud of what you represent and proud of the teamwork that you represent. And that's the last point I'd like to make.

One of the things I really like about soccer is that even though people are given the chance to star, to excel, to score, it really is fundamentally a team sport. It's a sport where people really have to think about what's best for the team and how they can do well together. And that's a lesson we're trying to get across to America now. There are a lot of economic and educational and social problems that we can only face if we start to think of each other again as well as ourselves and start to play on a team again. And so you've set a good example not only for soccer but for the way we might do better in our own lives. We thank you for that and wish you well. Congratulations.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:30 p.m. in the Indian Treaty Room at the Old Executive Office Building. In his remarks, he referred to Landra Reid, mother of Cavaliers soccer player Key Reid and wife of Senator Harry Reid of Nevada; Cavaliers coach Bruce Arena; and Jim Copeland, director of athletics, University of Virginia. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

## Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

***February 19***

The White House announced the President and Prime Minister John Major of Great Britain will travel to Pittsburgh, PA, on February 28. Following a working dinner, they will return to the White House where the Prime Minister will remain overnight as the President's guest.

***February 22***

In the evening, the President hosted a dinner for congressional leaders to discuss health care.

***February 24***

In the morning, the President traveled to Norwich, CT, where he toured the pharmacy

of the Greenville Drug Store and discussed health care with patrons. He returned to Washington, DC, in the evening.

The White House announced that President Leonid Kravchuk of Ukraine will make an official visit to the United States from March 3 to 5 and will meet with the President at the White House on March 4.

***February 25***

In the morning, the President met with senior military advisers in the Cabinet Room.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Cabinet members at Blair House.

The White House announced the President has invited Chairman Eduard Shevardnadze of Georgia to make an official visit to the United States March 6 to 8. They will meet at the White House March 7.

## Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

***Submitted February 22***

Charles H. Dolan, Jr.,
of Virginia, to be a member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 1997 (reappointment).

***Submitted February 23***

Derek Shearer,
of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland.

Ricardo Martinez,
of Louisiana, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, vice Marion Clifton Blakey, resigned.

Helen Thomas McCoy,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, vice Douglas Alan Brook, resigned.

***Submitted February 24***

Ryan Clark Crocker,
of Washington, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Kuwait.

Arvonne S. Fraser,
of Minnesota, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the Representative of the United States of America on the Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Edward S. Walker, Jr.,
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Marca Bristo,
of Illinois, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1995, vice Sandra Swift Parrino, term expired.

## Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

***Released February 20***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers

***Released February 22***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of Education Richard Riley and Secretary of Labor Robert Reich on education and job training programs