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oil under U.N. auspices to fund the provision of food, medicine, and other humanitarian supplies to the people of Iraq. Under the U.N. resolutions, the equitable distribution within Iraq of this assistance would be supervised and monitored by the United Nations. The Iraqi regime so far has refused to accept these resolutions and has thereby chosen to perpetuate the suffering of its civilian population. In October 1993, the Iraqi government informed the United Nations that it would not implement Resolutions 706 and 712.

The policies and actions of the Saddam Hussein regime continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, as well as to regional peace and security. because of Iraq's failure to comply fully with United Nations Security Council resolutions, the United States will continue to apply economic sanctions to deter Iraq from threatening peace and stability in the region, and I will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

William J. Clinton

The White House,
March 3, 1994.

Statement on Presentation of the Presidential Medal of Freedom to William H. Natcher

March 4, 1994

Congressman Natcher has served the people of Kentucky and this Nation with distinction since 1941. He is revered by friends and opponents alike, and I can think of no person who deserves our recognition more. He represents the model of leadership to which we should all strive.

NOTE: The President traveled to Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, MD, where he presented Representative Natcher with the medal. This statement was part of a White House press release announcing the award.

Statement on Disaster Assistance to Alabama

March 3, 1994

My heart goes out to the people of the South who have suffered from these recent storms. I know how difficult this winter has been, and I am confident that FEMA Director James Lee Witt will do all he can to assist the people of Alabama, and those throughout the rest of the South, to recover from these damaging storms.

NOTE: This statement was part of a White House press release on announcing disaster assistance to Alabama for winter storms beginning on January 14 and continuing through February 14.

Nomination for Ambassador to Cambodia

March 3, 1994

The President today nominated Charles H. Twining of Maryland as the Ambassador to Cambodia with the rank of Minister-Counselor.

"Charles Twining is a talented professional who has focused a good part of his career on efforts in Cambodia," the President said. "I am confident that he will represent our interests well in that country."

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

Proclamation 6655—To Amend the Generalized System of Preferences

March 3, 1994

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

1. Pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2461 and 2462), and having due regard for the eligibility criteria set forth therein, I have determined that it is appropriate to designate Ukraine as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences ("GSP").

2. Section 604 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2483) authorizes the President to embody in