

2348a(c)(2) (the "Act"), I hereby determine that:

- (1) as a result of an unforeseen emergency, the provision of assistance under Chapter 6 of Part II of the Act in amounts in excess of funds otherwise available for such assistance is important to the national interests of the United States; and
- (2) such unforeseen emergency requires the immediate provision of assistance under Chapter 6 of Part II of the Act.

I therefore direct the drawdown of commodities and services from the inventory and resources of the Department of Defense of an aggregate value not to exceed \$4 million to Israel for use by the Palestinian police pursuant to the Palestinian-Israeli Declaration of Principles of September 13, 1993, and its implementing agreements.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

**William J. Clinton**

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 31.

### **Teleconference Prior to Signing the Goals 2000: Educate America Act in San Diego, California**

*March 31, 1994*

**The President.** Hello.

**Representative William Ford.** Hello, Mr. President.

**The President.** How are you?

**Representative Ford.** Just fine.

**The President.** Senator Mitchell?

**Senator George Mitchell.** Yes, sir.

**The President.** Senator Kennedy, are you there?

**Senator Edward Kennedy.** Yes, sir.

**The President.** At the Mary Cunningham Elementary School in Milton, Massachusetts?

**Senator Kennedy.** That's exactly right.

**The President.** Chairman Ford?

**Representative Ford.** Yes, I'm here.

**The President.** Senator Jeffords?

**Senator James Jeffords.** Yes, I'm here.

**The President.** Congressman Kildee?

**Representative Dale Kildee.** Yes, I'm here, Mr. President.

**The President.** Congressman Goodling?

**Representative William Goodling.** I'm here in York.

**The President.** In York?

**Representative Goodling.** York, Pennsylvania.

**The President.** I've been there many times.

**Representative Goodling.** Yes, you have.

**The President.** It's nice to hear your voice. I just wanted to call you today. I'm here with Secretary Riley and with Congressman Filner, Congresswoman Schenk and a lot of other people who, like you, worked so hard on this Goals 2000 bill. I'm about to go out and sign the bill. I didn't want to do it without having the opportunity to call and thank you so much for all your hard work in getting this bipartisan, terrific education reform legislation through the Congress.

**Speaker Thomas Foley.** This is Tom Foley in Washington, Mr. President. Mr. President?

**The President.** Yes, sir, I'm listening.

**Speaker Foley.** The committees did a great job on this, and the Secretary did a great job. I think it's going to be great legislation for everyone.

**The President.** I'm elated. And of course, it passed the House by a vote of 307 to 120.

**Speaker Foley.** Right, a bipartisan vote.

**The President.** That's right. We need more of that.

**Senator Kennedy.** Yeah, we had a little tougher time in the Senate, Mr. President, as you know. But thanks to Jim Jeffords and a few of our other Republican friends who were able to break the filibuster early last Saturday morning and get it passed. And I think it's a tremendous tribute to you and Secretary Riley and all those who worked so hard for this bill.

**Representative Kildee.** Mr. President, this is Dale Kildee. And Bill Goodling and Mr. Gunderson just did a tremendous job on this bill and really made it bipartisan. We really appreciate their leadership.

**The President.** Yeah, I do want to thank Congressman Gunderson, too. I know he's not on the call today, but he worked hard and I thank him for that.

**Representative Goodling.** Yeah, his father's pretty critical right now.

**The President.** Mr. Goodling?

**Representative Goodling.** Yes, this is Congressman Goodling. We worked a long time and hard work, but I'm sure it's going to be very beneficial to excellence in education in the future, and that's what it's all about.

**Senator Kennedy.** Mr. President, Ted Kennedy. We came into the Cunningham School up here and had some of the first graders and they said, this is the most important day because Senator Clinton's coming. [Laughter] We're working—we're up with the fifth grade now, and they have—they're doing a lot of advanced mathematics. And there's the total immersion program up here, where the children in the first four grades, half the school, is totally immersed in French. And there's a lot of very exciting people here, teachers, parents, students. Ninety percent of them said they all love school. And I think that's what this bill is really all about. And I think all of us here are obviously grateful to all the great leadership in education and the priority placed on it—[inaudible]—Secretary Riley and all of our bipartisan friends. They really appreciate it out here in the Cunningham School.

**Senator Jeffords.** Mr. President, this is Jim Jeffords speaking.

**The President.** Yes, Jim.

**Senator Jeffords.** I certainly want to thank the Secretary also. And certainly this Goals 2000—it's beginning. It's unfortunate it's taken us a decade too long just to start the planning. And also, it won't be possible to reach the goals without additional resources, and the Federal Government, I think, must become an equal partner in financing education to reach these goals. And I think we've got to make that commitment pretty soon so that the States and local agencies can plan appropriately next year. And I just look forward to working with you and the Secretary, as I know you've made a significant effort to improving funding for education this year, and we've just got to keep on doing that.

**The President.** That's right. You know, in our 1995 budget, even though there's an overall reduction in Federal spending for dis-

cretionary programs, we have a \$1.7 billion increase in education funding. And I'm proud of that, and it's a good beginning. And I want to thank you again, Senator Jeffords, for helping us to break that filibuster by a vote of 62 to 23. And then the bill ultimately passed, I think, 63 to 22. You were a real moving force, and we're grateful to you.

**Senator Jeffords.** Thank you, Mr. President. I look forward to working with you to do better even next year.

**Senator Kennedy.** Mr. President, Ted Kennedy. I think some of the students have a quick word just to say to you if you have one more minute.

**The President.** Okay.

**The Students.** Thank you, Mr. President.

**The President.** Well, thank you. You all just do a good job in school, learn a lot, make the most of it. You were great.

**Representative Ford.** Mr. President, this is truly a bipartisan moment when we have people of the stature of Jim Jeffords speaking for the Republican Party about spending more money for education. I think we ought to get to work with him right away and get all we can get. [Laughter]

**The President.** Thanks, Bill.

**Representative Kildee.** Mr. President, I think this ranks historically with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 under Lyndon Johnson. And Bill Ford was there at that time, passing that bill, too. And we're really grateful to Bill for it; we're going to miss him in the Congress.

**The President.** I'm certainly—

**Speaker Foley.** That's certainly true, Mr. President.

**The President.** Thank you so much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Senator Mitchell, and thank all of you for everything you've done. Secretary Riley and I are going to go out here and try not to mess up this bill signing, and we'll be really celebrating what we said we'd do.

I also want to say that, as you know, we had to sign this bill before April the 1st, and we're delighted to have the opportunity to sign it here in this wonderful school district, at this fine school. But we do want to have a very large celebration when we come back to Washington for all the people from all over the country and all the Members who worked

so hard to get it passed. So we will do that and have an appropriate opportunity to have everyone thanked in person. But I thank you for being——

**Speaker Foley.** We'll look forward to it, Mr. President.

**The President.** Thank you.

NOTE: The teleconference began at 9:20 a.m. The President spoke from the Zamorano Fine Arts Academy.

**Remarks on Signing the Goals 2000:  
Educate America Act in San Diego**  
*March 31, 1994*

Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen, and to the boys and girls here. Let me say first of all, I've got a lot of people I want to recognize, but first I think we ought to give the students a big hand for being so well-behaved and so quiet and so receptive. *[Applause]* I know that a lot of you may not understand everything that's being said here today, but it's all being said for your future, and the people who came here today came because they care about your future.

I want to recognize, in addition to Congresswoman Lynn Schenk and Congressman Bob Filner who are here with me today—and I thank them for coming; they're up here. They voted for the bill. If they hadn't, it wouldn't have passed. I want to thank your Mayor, Susan Golding, for being here; your superintendent of schools, Dr. Bertha Pendleton; John de Beck, the president of the San Diego School Board; Mary Bergen, representing the California Federation of Teachers; Dr. Lois Tinson, representing the California Teachers Association; Ken Melley, the associate director of the National Education Association; Sandy McBrayer, who's the Teacher of the Year in California—I think you're here somewhere. Stand up. Give her a hand—*[applause]*—bless you, ma'am.

I also want you to know that there are a lot of people who are leaders in the business community all over America who work for this program, and some of them have come from a long way away. I saw two, I think three are here all the way from Atlanta. The president of Bell South, one of our country's

biggest telephone companies, John Clendenin came. And I saw the chief executive officer of the Boeing Corporation, our Nation's biggest exporter, Mr. Frank Shrontz, is here. And I was told that Joe Gorman is here, the chairman of TRW, but I didn't see him back there.

Anyway, all these people have come here because they care about you and your future. I want to especially thank my good friend Dick Riley, who just spoke, for the work he did on this legislation, and many of his staff members, but especially Mike Cohen, who worked on this whole issue with me as a Governor, with Secretary Riley, and Bill Galston in the White House. I want to thank the Governors and the State legislators who worked with us, as well as the fine Members of Congress of both parties. We have so much partisan wrangling in Congress, but this bill passed with over 300 votes in the House of Representatives, and only 120 voted no; 63 votes in the United States Senate, only 22 voting no.

I want to say, too, that it is very appropriate for me to be here with all of you to sign this bill. The San Diego School District is well known for being on the leading edge of school reform and giving our children a better future. Your former superintendent, Tom Payzant, now serves as our Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education. Give him a hand there. *[Applause]* And I know Bertha Pendleton is continuing her outstanding work. I also want to say a special word of thanks to your principal, Dr. Jeannie Steeg.

I have been told that your school is one of the very best schools in this whole school district and in this State. And I want to thank you for striving to achieve excellence in every area with a student body that is very diverse, racially and ethnically and economically. You look like America will look in the 21st century, and we have to win with you.

I also want to thank you for what you put up on the basketball goal; that was very nice. *[Laughter]* And I'd like to thank the students here who are wearing their D.A.R.E. T-shirts, all of you. I love the D.A.R.E. program, and I'm glad you're active in it and support it.