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80 percent of the American people feel that way too.

High-paid lobbyists argue that the assault weapons ban will infringe on our right, as hunters and sportsmen, to own guns. But what they don't tell you is that the proposal I support specifically safeguards hunters' rights. It explicitly protects more than 650 hunting and recreational rifles from the ban.

So that's why I'm writing you for your help. Call your representatives, and tell them that you know the difference between a hunting rifle and a weapon that was designed for the battlefield. Tell them you support the proposed ban on assault weapons—because it protects your rights and it doesn't protect criminals.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

NOTE: This letter was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary but was not issued as a White House press release. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

Nomination for Assistant Directors of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

April 29, 1994

The President today announced his intention to nominate Michael Knacht, Amy Sands, and Lawrence Scheinman as Assistant Directors for the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA).

The President said, "I am pleased to name experts of the caliber of Drs. Sands, Knacht, and Scheinman to work on arms control and nonproliferation, issues to which I am personally committed. I believe they will help a revitalized ACDA play a leading role in building a safe and more secure world."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

Appointment of Vice Chair of the National Transportation Safety Board

April 29, 1994

The President today appointed Jim Hall to be Vice Chair of the National Transportation Safety Board. Mr. Hall was previously confirmed by the Senate a member of the National Transportation Safety Board on October 14, 1993.

"Jim Hall has had a distinguished career in government and in the private sector," said the President. "I am very glad to be appointing him as Vice Chair of this board today."

NOTE: A biography of the appointee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

Appointment of United States Representatives to Coral Sea Week

April 29, 1994

The President today announced the appointment of Jack H. Watson, Jr., and Ambassador Edward J. Perkins to represent the United States in Australia during the celebration of Coral Sea Week.

"I am pleased to appoint Jack Watson to join Ambassador Perkins as the U.S. representatives on this momentous occasion," the President said. "I have known Jack for many years. As President Carter's former Chief of Staff, he understands particularly well the important relationship between the United States and Australia, and I am confident he will represent the United States well. We join them in celebrating our friendship with Australia and look forward to continuing our excellent relations across a range of economic, political, and global issues."

NOTE: Biographies of the appointees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.