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So we are still doing what we said we would do, and we are going forward. There is a limit to how much the United States or anybody else can do given the facts that now exist. We are spending a lot of money to manage this problem. We asked some of our neighbors in the hemisphere—as I said last May when I announced this policy, we asked some of our neighbors in the hemisphere to help us when we needed it, and some of them are doing so, and we are very, very grateful to them for doing that.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President's 62d news conference began at 5:30 p.m. at the Zi Teresa Restaurant.

Statement on Flooding in Alabama and Georgia and Fires in Colorado

July 8, 1994

My thoughts and prayers are with the people back home who are battling these fires and floods and especially with the families of those who have lost their lives in the disaster. I have directed all the Federal departments who can help to make their most aggressive efforts to do so.

NOTE: This statement was part of a White House announcement on disaster assistance to Alabama.

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.

July 1[1]

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger C. Viadero as Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter J. Osetek as Commissioner of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Don Christiansen as a member of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

The President declared a major disaster exists in the State of North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in areas struck by severe storms, flooding, and ground saturation due to high water tables beginning March 5.

July 4

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Václav Havel of the Czech Republic.

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton returned to Washington, DC, from a weekend stay at Camp David, MD.

July 5

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia.

The President also had telephone conversations with President Guillermo Endara of Panama, Prime Minister Eugenia Charles of Dominica, and Prime Minister Lester Bird of Antigua and Barbuda. He also met with Ray Mabus, U.S. Ambassador-designate to Saudi Arabia.

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled to Riga, Latvia.

The President announced his intention to appoint John A. Calhoun, Nancy G. Guerra, and Rose W. Washington as members of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The White House announced the President invited President-elect Ernesto Pérez Balladares of Panama to meet with him on July 20.

July 6

Following a morning arrival ceremony at Riga International Airport, the President went to Riga Castle where he attended a working luncheon with President Guntis Ulmanis of Latvia, President Algirdas Brazauskas of Lithuania, and President Lennart Meri of Estonia in the White Room.

[1] *These releases were not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.*