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Memorandum on Locality-Based Comparability Payments

November 30, 1994

Memorandum for the President's Pay Agent:
The Secretary of Labor
The Director of the Office of Management and Budget
The Director of the Office of Personnel Management

Subject: Locality-Based Comparability Payments

I have reviewed your report concerning recommended locality-based comparability payments for General Schedule employees, submitted in accordance with section 5304 of title 5, United States Code. I approve the recommended payments as set forth in Table 4 of the report, and I direct the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to implement those payments, effective as of the beginning of the first applicable pay period commencing on or after January 1, 1995. I further authorize and direct the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to ensure that this memorandum and a schedule of the attached comparability payment rates and localities be published in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 1, and it was published in the *Federal Register*, with a schedule of rates and localities, on December 5. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

Letter to Congressional Leaders on Locality-Based Comparability Payments

November 30, 1994

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

In accordance with section 5304(d)(3) of title 5, United States Code, I hereby report to the Congress on the implementation of locality-based comparability payments for General Schedule employees for calendar year 1995.

I have directed the President's Pay Agent to put into effect the locality-based comparability payments shown on the enclosed table, effective in January 1995. The report of the President's Pay Agent, which includes the information required by section 5304(d)(3) regarding comparability payments for 1995 and 1996, is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 1. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

Statement on Federal Funding of Research on Human Embryos

December 2, 1994

The Director of the National Institutes of Health has received a report regarding Federal funding of research on human embryos. The subject raises profound ethical and moral questions as well as issues concerning the appropriate allocation of Federal funds. I appreciate the work of the committees that have considered this complex issue, and I understand that advances in in vitro fertilization research and other areas could derive from such work. However, I do not believe that Federal funds should be used to support the