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I know a lot of you are still hurting, but I hope as Sunday comes you'll be able to find some comfort in that. Your healing has to go on. A lot of you probably still have your doubts about all of this. I'm sure there's some lingering anger and even some rage and dark and lonely nights for many of the family members. I can only say to you that the older I get the more I know that we have to try harder to make the most of each day and accept the fact that things will happen we can never understand or justify.

We flew over my home State, you know, coming here, and it made me think of the words of an old Gospel song that were actually written in Arkansas. And I thought I would leave you with these words, and our love and respect, as we move toward Easter.

The hymn goes: ''Further along we'll know all about it. Further along we'll understand why. Rise up, my brothers, and walk in the sunshine. Further along we'll understand why.''

God bless you, and God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:20 p.m. in the Myriad Convention Center. In his remarks, he referred to Rev. Don Alexander, pastor, First Christian Church; and Cathy Keating, wife of Gov. Frank Keating of Oklahoma.

Proclamation 6880—National Day of Remembrance of the Oklahoma City Bombing

April 5, 1996

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On the morning of April 19, 1995, America was devastated by news of an explosion at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. As rescuers rushed to the scene, citizens across the country waited by their televisions and radios for information, and we prayed for the children, Federal workers, and many others caught by the bomb's deadly blast. Despite heroic efforts of emergency personnel and countless samaritans, 168 people lost their lives as a result of the brutal attack.

For a year we have mourned the dead, aided the residents of Oklahoma City in their struggle to rebuild, and strengthened our resolve to fight terrorism. And though it has been a sad and challenging time, the outpouring of love and support for those affected by the tragedy has helped our Nation to come together in common purpose. As we mark the first anniversary of the bombing, we remember the victims and honor their memory with a moment of silence. In prayer and quiet reflection, let us move forward together to foster peace in our land.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 19, 1996, as a National Day of Remembrance of the Oklahoma City Bombing. I ask all the people of the United States to observe a moment of silence on that day at 9:02 a.m., Central Daylight Time, gathering with family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues at home, at work, and in places of worship to commemorate this solemn occasion.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on April 10.

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.

March 30

In the evening, the President attended the Gridiron Dinner at the Capital Hilton Hotel.

March 31

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with members of the University of Tennessee women's basketball team to congratulate them on winning the NCAA national championship.

April 1

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with members of the University of Kentucky men's basketball team to congratulate them on winning the NCAA national championship.

April 2

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Baltimore, MD, where he threw out the first pitch at the Baltimore Orioles-Kansas City Royals baseball game at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. In the late afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by the "Blizzard of 1996" on January 6–12.

The President announced his intention to nominate Leslie M. Alexander as Ambassador to Ecuador and Prudence Bushnell as Ambassador to Kenya.

The President announced the nomination of James E. Hall as Chair of the National Transportation Safety Board.

April 3

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton visited with the family of Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown, who was killed that morning in the aircraft tragedy near Dubrovnik, Croatia.

April 4

The President announced his intention to nominate Hubert T. Bell, Jr., as Inspector General of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

April 5

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Oklahoma City, OK, where they laid a wreath at the former site of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which was destroyed in a terrorist bombing in April 1995.

In the afternoon, the President addressed the community at the University of Central Oklahoma.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released April 2

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the Presidential elections in Benin

Released April 3

Transcripts of press briefings by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the victory of President El Haji Ahmed Tejan Kabbah in the election in Sierra Leone

Transcript of remarks by National Security Adviser Anthony Lake to the U.S.-Russia Business Council

Released April 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Released April 5

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on U.S. participation in Expo '98