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the economy while preserving the environment and that helps people like the families we honor today to build a good future for themselves and their kids. We can do these things.

And I will say one more time, we've got a lot of work to do even with all these efforts to get from 3.7 million in 1996 to 8 million in 2000. But we can do it. I want to have 8 million Americans able to say two of the most beautiful words in the English language, ''Welcome home,'' by the year 2000. And with your help, that's exactly what we're going to do.

Thank you, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:51 a.m. at the Washington Hilton Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Bob Lanier of Houston, TX; Mayor Michael J. Albano of Springfield, MA; and Mayor John T. Yunits of Brockton, MA.

Memorandum on the Assistance Program for Russia

June 6, 1996

Presidential Determination No. 96-31

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Assistance Program for Russia

Pursuant to section 577 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1994 (Public Law 103–87), I hereby certify that all of the armed forces of Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States have withdrawn from Latvia and Estonia or that the status of those armed forces has been otherwise resolved by mutual agreement of the parties.

You are authorized and directed to notify the Congress of this certification and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton

Statement on the Peace Process in Northern Ireland

June 6, 1996

Today's announcement by the British and Irish Governments on the arrangements for the June 10 negotiations on Northern Ireland marks another historic step toward a brighter future for the people. I welcome this agreement, which will enable the negotiation of a comprehensive and lasting settlement to the conflict that has plagued generations.

I commend Prime Ministers Major and Bruton for the perseverance and determination that they have shown in the cause of peace. I have just spoken with them both, and once again I am impressed by their commitment to the peace process. From the Downing Street Declaration of December 1993 to the Joint Framework Documents of February 1995 and the joint communiqué of February 28 of this year, the two governments have worked tirelessly to establish the foundation for successful talks. I am pleased that Senator George Mitchell has agreed to chair the plenary session of the talks. I know that he and his colleagues, General John de Chastelain and Mr. Harri Holkeri, will again make a major contribution to the peace process.

With the start of the talks on June 10, the parties have a real chance to set aside the past and negotiate a future of hope and promise, justice and peace. This is something only they can do. But I want them to know that the United States will continue to stand with them as they work to make that dream a reality. I call once again for a restoration of the IRA cease-fire which will enable the talks to be fully inclusive.

The success of these talks will depend on the vision and generosity of spirit of the elected representatives of the people. My hopes and prayers are with them as they begin to forge a bright and prosperous future for the children of both of Ireland's vibrant traditions.

Remarks on the National Economy and an Exchange With Reporters

June 7, 1996

The President. Good morning. Today we have been given fresh evidence that the American economy is growing steady and strong. What the job report today shows is that when we make tough choices, there is absolutely no limit to what the American people can do to create jobs and opportunity.