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people who live anywhere in the world, and they can happen to people here.

So I'm concerned about the impact of some of the provisions of this on children. But I still believe—since it's getting better, I'm optimistic we can make it even better in the conference, and I'll just keep working at it and try to get it done.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3 p.m. in the Commanders' Air Room at McClellan Air Force Base. In his remarks, he referred to Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta.

Statement on the Death of Hamilton Fish, Jr.

July 23, 1996

Hillary and I wish to express our sympathy over the death of former U.S. Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr.

In the tradition of his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Ham chose a life of public service in the Congress, where he tirelessly championed social causes and civil rights even when it was not the popular thing to do. His support of the Fair Housing Act, Americans With Disabilities Act, and Civil Rights Act reflects his determined concern for equality and righteousness for all. I had asked Ham to serve on the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, but unfortunately his health kept him from accepting that nomination. Ham will be remembered for his efforts on behalf all Americans and especially for his service to the people of New York's 19th District. Our prayers are with his family and friends in this time.

Remarks at a Democratic Dinner in San Francisco, California

July 23, 1996

Thank you. Thank you very much. Well, the mayor can lay it on, can't he? [*Laughter*] When Willie Brown was elected mayor of San Francisco, Hillary and I were sitting at home waiting for the returns to come. She said, ''Well, exactly what do you think it means?'' And I said, ''Well, if there were any doubts, San Francisco will never be bored again.'' [*Laughter*]

You know, the mayor and I had to go around the country and meet with all different kinds of groups. I remember once going into the back room where the members of the Democratic caucus and the California general assembly would meet with the speaker. And a lot of its members didn't even interrupt their card games to say hello. [*Laughter*] But most of them couldn't have found Arkansas on a map probably, anyway.

But Willie humored me along. He thought I might amount to something one day. [*Laughter*] And I remember after I talked to Willie Brown about politics I felt the way the late, great actor Richard Burton felt. You know, he—in the early sixties, some of you may remember a movie called ''A Man for All Seasons'' which won the Academy Award. You remember that, where Paul Schofield played Sir Thomas More in one of the great performances ever in the history of film. Richard Burton said, ''When I saw Paul Schofield I knew I'd never be that good, so I decided to go for the money.'' [*Laughter*] And when I met Willie Brown I knew I'd never be that good, so I decided I might as well run for President and get out of politics.

I want to thank Shirley Nelson and Brooke and Sean Byers and George Chu and Jim Hormel and all the people at the head table and all the rest of you that helped to make this dinner a success tonight. I'd like to thank my friend Lieutenant Governor Gray Davis for being here tonight, the council members, the supervisors that are here. Senator Bill Lockyer is here, the leader of the Democrats in the California State senate.

I'd like to introduce a friend of mine who's come a long way, who is right now supervising the celebrations for my 50th birthday—something I'd just as soon ignore, but this being an election year, I don't suppose I can—the former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and former Governor of the State of Mississippi, my longtime friend and colleague Ray Mabus from Mississippi, who is somewhere. I thank him for being here.

I want to thank Peter, Paul, and Mary. They are always wonderful. They never lose the light in their eyes, the lilt in their voice. And they remind us that all those terrible things that our adversaries say about the six-