

have seen the price we all pay whenever discrimination and hatred occur. But we also know how much is possible when people find unity and strength in their diversity. The world looks to America as a living example of how people can triumph over hatred and fear and come together as one nation under God.

This week, we lost a great American who taught us the importance of this lesson and whom people all over the world looked up to as the embodiment of the values that keep America strong, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago. As one of the most influential Roman Catholics in modern history, Cardinal Bernardin devoted himself to bringing out the best in humanity. He taught us that what unites us is more important than what divides us, that we can meet our challenges, but only by coming together across our differences. As he said shortly before he died, "It is wrong to waste the precious gift of time given to us on acrimony and division."

This true man of God spent his entire life helping people to find their way to common ground. That was, in fact, the project he was most involved with when he died, the common-ground project to unite Catholics of different views. Hillary and I counted him as our friend, and we'll miss him very much.

So let us all strive to find that common ground where all Americans can stand in dignity and help one another make the most of their dreams, and let us be ready to share our strength when our values and our interests demand it, with others around the world who need a hand to help themselves to reach their dreams.

Thanks for listening.

NOTE: The address was recorded at 1:02 p.m. on November 15 in the Oval Office at the White House for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on November 16.

## **Proclamation 6956—National Family Week, 1996**

*November 19, 1996*

*By the President of the United States of America*

### **A Proclamation**

Our families are among the great blessings we acknowledge each year at Thanksgiving.

The influence of the family is profound. Families provide essential nurturing and unconditional love; share their values, wisdom, and religious convictions; and give their members the hope and self-confidence they need to succeed. They form the foundation from which our Nation draws its strength and upon which we build our national character.

If our country is to succeed in the 21st century and beyond, we must commit ourselves now to ensuring the health and well-being of the American family. Parents, educators, business, religious, and community leaders must work together to strengthen our Nation's families. Government policies at the Federal, State, and local levels must support families with compassion and a willingness to give all Americans the tools they need to make the most of their own lives.

We must create economic opportunity so that hardworking parents can provide for their children and succeed both at work and at home. We must give our families safe neighborhoods in which to grow, free from guns and gangs, drugs and violence. We must reinforce parents' efforts to set a good example by helping to protect their children from the corrosive influences of alcohol and tobacco and to limit their exposure to explicit sexuality and violence in the entertainment media.

In doing so, we will reaffirm the vital lessons of love, responsibility, and compassion that so many of us have been fortunate to learn in our own families, and ensure that those lessons are passed on to the generations to come.

**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 November 24 through November 30, 1996, as National Family Week. I call upon all Americans to celebrate our Nation's families with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of November, 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 twenty-first.

**William J. Clinton**

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### **Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With Prime Minister John Howard of Australia in Canberra, Australia**

*November 20, 1996*

[*The exchange is joined in progress.*]

#### **President's Cup Golf Tournament**

**Prime Minister Howard.** —I signed off a letter the other day trying to—and we're very keen for it to come here.

**President Clinton.** I've told the PGA that I thought it was a good idea not to keep it always in the United States, that I thought it would be a good idea to bring it here.

**Prime Minister Howard.** And we're rather hoping it will actually come to the ACT right here in Canberra because they have—well, they have one really outstanding course in Canberra as you'll find—

**President Clinton.** I saw it today.

We're talking about the President's Cup; you know, the golf tournament. The PGA is trying to arrange to have it in Australia 2 years from now.

**Prime Minister Howard.** In '98. And naturally, in the lead-up to the Olympic games, if we can pull it off, we'll be delighted and very delighted to have the President's endorsement of the idea, too.

**President Clinton.** I'm for it.

**Q.** Will that change the rules to allow it?  
**Prime Minister Howard.** No.

**President Clinton.** No. The Ryder Cup is an American-European contest, and it alternates. So we just had the President's Cup in the alternating years—in the alternating 2 years we don't have Ryder Cups. It's the American team against teams essentially from Australia, Japan, and the southern part of Africa and anyplace else in the Asia-Pacific region. So we're going to alternate it.

**Q.** Who's the golf pro in your entourage, Mr. President?

**President Clinton.** What do you mean?

**Q.** There were reports—

**Q.** [*Inaudible*—golf and you brought a golf pro with you on Air Force One.

**President Clinton.** To my knowledge, that is not so. [*Laughter*]

**Q.** Would you have liked to?

**President Clinton.** I would have, yes. I'm going to need all the help I can get tomorrow.

#### **Zaire**

**Q.** Will you all talk about Zaire? Is that something that—

**President Clinton.** Yes. And we will have a press conference later and answer all your questions. We want to.

#### **President's Visit**

**Prime Minister Howard.** Yes, you'll have a good run. [*Laughter*]

**President Clinton.** And I want you to have fun tonight.

**Q.** We did the boat tour last night.

**President Clinton.** You did?

**Q.** You get to do it tonight. The press was taken out on the same boat last night.

**President Clinton.** Good.

**Q.** The view was spectacular.

**President Clinton.** Did they tell you there were sharks in the water?

**Q.** They told us they had sharks on deck. [*Laughter*]

**Prime Minister Howard.** A lot in the water, too.

**President Clinton.** In Sydney Harbor?

**Prime Minister Howard.** Yes, seriously.

**President Clinton.** So you don't want to fall in.

NOTE: The exchange began at 10:50 a.m. in the Prime Minister's Office at Parliament House. In