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the Trade Act of 1974. This action allowed for the continuation of most-favored-nation (MFN) status for Mongolia and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver.

As required by law, I am submitting an updated report to the Congress concerning the emigration laws and policies of Mongolia. You will find that the report indicates continued Mongolian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
July 18, 1997.

NOTE: This message was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 21.

Executive Order 13056—Further Amendment to Executive Order 13017, Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry

July 21, 1997

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to add an additional two members to the Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1(a) of Executive Order 13017, as amended, is further amended by deleting the number "32" in the second sentence and inserting the number "34" in lieu thereof.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
July 21, 1997.

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Remarks Following a Meeting With the Budget Team and an Exchange With Reporters

July 22, 1997

Budget Negotiations

The President. I'd like to make a brief statement, and then I'll be glad to answer some questions.

I've just finished a meeting with my budget team, reviewing where we are on the budget negotiations. We have worked very hard to pursue an economic strategy of reducing the deficit, cutting where we could, then investing more in education, in the future of this country, and selling more American products and services overseas. And it's working. I believe it's very important now to complete the job and get a balanced budget agreement that will continue to invest in our country and enable us to grow.

This agreement—let me say again what this agreement does. I think it's important. It has $900 billion in savings over the next 10 years. It reforms the Medicare program and preserves the Trust Fund for another 10 years. It also contains the biggest expansion in health care for children since 1965—5 million; the biggest expansion in investment in education from the national level since 1965; the biggest increase in access to higher education since the G.I. bill passed 50 years ago; and billions of dollars to put people on welfare in the work force, as well as special incentives to help the distressed areas of this country get some jobs and participate in this recovery. That's what this agreement does. Now, there are those who say that we'd be better off without an agreement; none of these things will happen without an agreement.

As to the tax cut, my priorities are clear. I want to help children, I want to support education, I want to make sure that we give appropriate relief to middle income families. I do not believe it is right to deprive teachers, police officers, firefighters, nurses who have children in the home and who have only one earner and therefore earn less than $30,000 a year, of the benefits of this tax cut. And we believe we have found a way to get around the objection that some Republicans