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any country of the world come out of a sweatshop. It will not clean up a single toxic site in any nation. Turning away will not expand our economy, it will not enhance our competitiveness, and it will not empower our workers. It will give away markets, and it will give away jobs. It will jeopardize America's preeminent role and position in this world.

Fast track is the key to U.S. leadership in the world economy, and now is not the time to raise questions about that leadership. Over the past 4½ years our three-part strategy for security and growth has worked better than anyone had imagined. We have reduced the deficit to the lowest levels since the early 1970's. We have invested in our people with historic new commitments to education and health for all Americans. And we have raised American living standards by opening new markets to quality American goods and services. And thanks to this strategy and the hard work of American people, we stand poised at the threshold of a new century, stronger than ever before.

America must not retreat on the strategy that has brought us to this place of promise. America must not return to a mind-set which is rooted in the past. Instead, America must move forward on all three crucial elements to our strategy. As you are doing here in south Florida, America must boldly seize the opportunities that stand before us into this next great century.

Thank you very much. God bless you, and God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:15 p.m. in the warehouse. In his remarks, he referred to Deborah Braziel, Tropical Shipping Co. employee, who introduced the President.

Remarks at Lighthouse Elementary School in Jupiter, Florida

October 31, 1997

Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you. Hello! Well, I finally made it. First, you know, I hurt my leg, and I couldn't come. And this morning, I got up at 5:30, and I was getting ready to come here, and I thought, I'm going to be able to keep my promise to the children at Lighthouse Elementary. Then we got to the airport, and it was so foggy in Washington that I couldn't see my hand before me, and we had to wait for 2 hours to take off. So I made you late, and now you are a little bit wet. [*Laughter*] But you look beautiful to me, and I thank you for making me feel so welcome. Thank you.

I want to thank Congressman Deutsch and Congressman Foley for coming with me, and, Mayor, thank you for making me feel so welcome. Principal Hukill, thank you for what you said. And I thought Jessica did a wonderful job introducing me, didn't you?

I'd also like to thank the people who are here from the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition, Palm Beach America Reads. The district president of the Miami Dade Community College, Dr. Padron, is here, I think. And I thank you all for being here. And I thank the middle school band for being here. I hope you'll play me some music when I'm finished speaking. I want to hear you.

I am so glad to be here with all of you today, because one of my most important responsibilities as President is to do everything I can to see that you get a world-class education. You know you are living in a world that is dominated by computers and technology. But you also live in a world which you can't fully enjoy them unless you can read well, unless you can do basic math, unless you can learn the things that your teachers are trying to teach you.

And about a year ago I tried to think of what I wanted to say to America in one sentence about our schools. And it is that I want an America in which every 8-year-old child can read a good book on his or her own, in which every 12-year-old can log on to the Internet, in which every 18-year-old, without regard to their family's income, can go to college, and every adult can keep on learning for a lifetime. Will you help me make that kind of America? Will you do that?

I want to thank all of the people here who helped Lighthouse Elementary succeed, to show that every school, to succeed, needs to be a community school or, as my wife says, a school where the whole village is involved in helping children learn. There are 250 volunteers who contribute at least a thousand hours of their time to the students and the teachers every month. That's wonderful. If

every school could say that, education in America would be much better. You should be proud of yourselves.

I also want to congratulate the students here who participate in the Sunshine State Readers program and read 15 books a month and write reports on them. I wish I still had time to read 15 books a month. You will never regret it. And if you don't read that much a month, every one of you should do whatever you can to read more. You will learn a lot and help yourselves, and it's a lot of fun.

Let me finally say that we are going to do everything we can in Washington to help make sure that a college education will be there for you if you'll work hard at school and learn what you need to know. We want to help your families send you to college. We want to help get high standards in the later grades as well. But in the end, it all depends on every one of you, what's in your heart and what's in your mind.

When you were singing your school song today and you felt good doing it, that's the way I want you to feel when you're in class. I want you to be proud of what you can learn, and I want you to believe that every one of you was given a mind by God that can learn. You can all learn. You can all do better. You can all learn more.

So be brave and have a good time and make the most of your education. And thank you so much for making me feel so welcome today.

God bless you all.

NOTE. The President spoke at 1:16 p.m. on the athletic field. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Karen Golonka of Jupiter; Una Hukill, principal, Lighthouse Elementary School; and Jessica Haft, student, who introduced the President; and Eduardo Padron, president, Miami-Dade Community College.

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.

October 27

In the evening, the President traveled to Chicago, IL.

October 28

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

The President announced his intention to nominate Katherine L. Archuleta to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sallyanne Harper to serve as Chief Financial Officer at the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced the nomination of Wilma B. Liebman and Peter J. Hurtgen, and his intention to nominate Joseph Robert Brame to serve as members of the National Labor Relations Board.

October 29

In the morning, the President met with President Jiang Zemin of China in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susanne T. Marshall to serve as a member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles Dolan and announced the nominations of Penne Percy Korth and Hank Brown as members of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

October 31

In the morning, the President traveled to West Palm Beach and Jupiter, FL.

In the afternoon, the President attended a Democratic National Committee luncheon at a private residence in Palm Beach.

In the evening, the President traveled to Boca Raton, FL, where he attended a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee dinner at a private residence. Later, he traveled to Jacksonville, FL.

The President announced his intention to appoint David W. Dorman, Joseph F. Thompson, Irving Wladawsky-Berger, and John P. Miller as members of the Advisory