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3. Pursuant to section 201(b) of the NAFTA Implementation Act, I have determined that the modifications hereinafter proclaimed of duties on goods originating in the territory of a NAFTA party are necessary or appropriate to (i) maintain the general level of reciprocal and mutually advantageous concessions with respect to Canada and Mexico provided for by the NAFTA and (ii) to carry out the agreement with Canada and Mexico providing an accelerated schedule of duty elimination for specific goods.

4. Section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2483) ("the Trade Act"), authorizes the President to embody in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("the HTS") the substance of the relevant provisions of acts affecting import treatment, and actions thereunder, including the removal, modification, continuance, or imposition of any rate of duty or other import restriction.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, acting under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including but not limited to section 201(b) of the NAFTA Implementation Act and section 604 of the Trade Act, do proclaim that:

(1) In order to provide for an accelerated schedule of duty elimination for specific goods, the tariff treatment set forth in the HTS for certain NAFTA originating goods is modified as provided in the Annex to this proclamation.

(2) Any provisions of previous proclamations and Executive orders that are inconsistent with the actions taken in this proclamation are superseded to the extent of such inconsistency.

(3) The amendments made to the HTS by the Annex to this proclamation shall be effective with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after August 1, 1998.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-third.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on August 5.

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.

July 25

In the morning, the President traveled to Norfolk, VA. In the afternoon, he traveled to Aspen, CO.

July 26

In the evening, the President traveled to Albuquerque, NM.

July 27

In the afternoon, the President departed for Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Norine E. Noonan to serve as Assistant Administrator for Research and Development at the Environmental Protection Agency.

July 29

The President announced his intention to nominate James Bodner to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory H. Friedman to be Inspector General of the Department of Energy.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Minister President Gerhard Schroeder of the German State of Lower Saxony at the White House on August 5.

July 30

In the morning, the President traveled to Ashe County, NC. In the afternoon, he traveled to Raleigh, NC, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Montie R. Deer to be Chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles G. Groat to be Director of the Geological Survey.

July 31

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to East Hampton, NY.

The President announced the nomination of Harold Lucas to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced the nomination of Cardell Cooper to be Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter J. Basso, Jr., to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mitchell Berger as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae).

The President announced his intention to nominate Terrence L. Bracy to be a trustee of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The President announced the nomination of John U. Sepulveda to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

The President announced the nomination of Stephen W. Preston to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

The President announced the nomination of David C. Williams to be Inspector General at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced the nomination of Claiborne Pell to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 53d Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced the nomination of Michael M. Reyna to be a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board.

The President announced the nomination of Joseph E. Stevens, Jr., to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted July 29

James M. Bodner,
of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, vice Jan Lodal.

Eugene A. Conti, Jr.,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, vice Frank Eugene Kruesi, resigned.

Gregory H. Friedman,
of Colorado, to be Inspector General of the Department of Energy, vice John C. Layton, resigned.

Harry Litman,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, vice Frederick W. Thieman, resigned.

Paul M. Warner,
of Utah, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Utah, vice Scott M. Matheson, resigned.

Patricia T. Montoya,
of New Mexico, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, vice Olivia A. Golden, resigned.

Norine E. Noonan,
of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice Robert James Huggett, resigned.

Submitted July 30

Francis M. Allegra,
of Virginia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for a term of 15 years, vice Lawrence S. Margolis, term expired.

Legrome D. Davis,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, vice Edmund V. Ludwig, retired.