

colleagues of the deceased; the survivors of the attacks; Ambassador Bushnell, and Chargé Lange; my fellow Americans.

Today we are gathered in a truly sacred and historic place to honor and to celebrate the lives of 12 Americans who perished in service to our Nation—their goodness, their warmth, their humanity, and their sacrifice. The two sides of their lives—who they were in their labors and who they were as husbands and wives, sons and daughters, friends and colleagues—came together. For as they showed every day in their devotion to family and friends, their work was about bringing better lives to all.

They worked to create opportunity and hope, to fight poverty and disease, to bridge divides between peoples and nations, to promote tolerance and peace. They expressed both their patriotism and their humanity, as Adlai Stevenson so well put it, “in the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.”

In the book of Isaiah it is written that the Lord called out, “Whom shall I send and who will go for us?” And Isaiah, the prophet, answered, “Here am I, Lord, send me.” These Americans, generous, adventurous, brave souls, said, “Send me. Send me in service. Send me to build a better tomorrow.” And on their journey they perished, together with proud sons and daughters of Kenya and Tanzania.

Some of the Kenyans and Tanzanians worked alongside our Americans at our Embassies, making vital contributions. Others were simply, unfortunately, nearby, working or studying, providing for their loved ones, doing what they do and did every day. For those people, too, we mourn, we honor, we thank God for their lives.

All of them were taken too soon, leaving behind families, many including young children, and devoted friends and colleagues. No tribute from us can rouse them from a long night of mourning. That takes time and the mysterious workings of the heart. But surely some comfort comes with the memory of the happiness they brought, the difference they made, the goodness they left inside those whom they loved and touched.

Last month at Andrews Air Force Base, Hillary and I walked out into the hangar that day to meet the families and share with them

the homecoming of their loved ones for the last time. There we saw a larger family, many standing and pressed together, people from the State and Defense Departments, from our military, from AID and the CDC. They, too, lost brothers and sisters. They, too, must be immensely proud of their friends, the traditions, the accomplishments, the life they shared.

All of us must stand together with our friends from Kenya and Tanzania and other peaceloving nations—yes, in grief but also in common commitment to carry on the cause of peace and freedom, to find those responsible and bring them to justice, not to rest as long as terrorists plot to take more innocent lives, and in the end, to convince people the world over that there is a better way of living than killing others for what you cannot have today.

For our larger struggle for hope over hatred and unity over division is a just one. And with God’s help it will prevail. We owe to those who have given their lives in the service of America and its ideal to continue that struggle most of all.

In their honor let us commit to open our hearts with generosity and understanding, to treat others who are different with respect and kindness, to hold fast to our loved ones and always to work for justice, tolerance, freedom, and peace.

May God be with their souls.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:12 p.m. at the Washington National Cathedral. In his remarks, he referred to Bishop Ronald H. Haines and Dean Nathan Baxter, Washington National Cathedral; civil rights leader Rev. Jesse Jackson; Prudence Bushnell, U.S. Ambassador to Kenya; and John E. Lange, U.S. Chargé D’affaires, Tanzania.

**Statement on the Nomination of  
Richard Holbrooke as U.S.  
Ambassador to the United Nations**  
*September 11, 1998*

On June 18, I announced my intent to nominate Richard Holbrooke as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations because of my confidence that he will make an outstanding U.N. Ambassador. Ambassador Holbrooke has made remarkable contributions to our

Nation's security in this administration and in previous administrations: working to bring lasting peace to Bosnia, helping to diffuse tensions and find workable solutions in Kosovo and Cyprus, serving as our Ambassador to Germany, promoting peace in regions of Asia.

Ambassador Holbrooke has stated that he is cooperating with a review by the Departments of State and Justice of his financial disclosure reports and contacts with State Department officials during the year following his departure from government service in February 1996. I look forward to a prompt resolution of this review and submission of his nomination to the Senate.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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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.

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#### **September 5**

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled from Shannon, Ireland, to Limerick, Ireland. In the evening, they returned to Shannon and then to Washington, DC.

#### **September 8**

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Silver Spring, MD, and later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President made a congratulatory telephone call to St. Louis Cardinal first baseman Mark McGwire, whose 62d home run earlier in the night surpassed Major League Baseball's single-season home run record.

#### **September 9**

In the morning, the President met with several Democratic Members of the House of Representatives in the Yellow Oval Room in the Residence. Later, the President traveled to Orlando, FL, where upon arrival, he met with Tim Forneris, the Busch Stadium

groundskeeper who retrieved Mark McGwire's record-breaking home run ball.

In the evening, the President traveled to Miami, FL, and later returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

The White House announced that the President directed \$20 million from the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to provide relief to refugees and displaced persons at risk due to the crisis in Kosovo.

#### **September 10**

In the morning, the President met with Democratic Members of the Senate in the Yellow Oval Room in the Residence.

In an afternoon ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors James Bolger of New Zealand, Alexander Philon of Greece, Zalman Shoval of Israel, Vang Rattanaong of Laos, Arlette Conzemius-Paccoud of Luxembourg, Mario Lopes de Rosa of Guinea-Bissau, Sonia Merlyn Johnny of Saint Lucia, Philip Dimitrov of Bulgaria, Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis of Cyprus, William Howard Stixrud Herrera of Guatemala, Damodar Prasad Gautam of Nepal, and Alexis Reyn of Belgium.

In the evening, the President met with his Cabinet in the Yellow Oval Room in the Residence.

The White House announced that the President invited President Andres Pastrana of Colombia for a state visit on October 28.

The White House announced that the President appointed David Leavy as Special Assistant to the President, Deputy Press Secretary, and Senior Director for Public Affairs at the National Security Council.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rand Beers to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeh Charles Johnson to be General Counsel for the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate C. David Welch to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

The President announced his intention to designate Van B. Honeycutt as Chair of the