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also protect the rights of consumers. Therefore, this legislation is focused exclusively on exposure related to information exchange and would not cover statements to individual consumers in marketing a product normally used for personal use.

Firms within an industry confront similar challenges as they work to ensure that their computer systems are Y2K compliant. Although the Department of Justice has already indicated that competitors in an industry who merely share information on Y2K solutions would not be in violation of the antitrust laws, this Act creates a specific exemption from the antitrust laws for these activities. The limited antitrust exemption created by S. 2392 will make it easier for firms to cooperate with one another to solve the Y2K problem while continuing to protect consumers from industry agreements to boycott, allocate a market, or fix prices or output.

Information sharing will be important not only to those who have already made progress addressing the Y2K problem, but also to the many small business and State, local, and tribal governments that are just beginning their Y2K work. I urge trade associations and umbrella organizations to collect such information from their members and provide it to others through websites and other means devoted to discussing Y2K experiences and solutions. My Council on Year 2000 Conversion looks forward to working with Federal agencies, other levels of government, and consumer and industry groups in expanding the website, *www.y2k.gov*, that already supports activities related to our Nation's efforts to address issues related to the Y2K transition.

The Y2K problem is an enormous challenge, and we must meet it. Enactment of this legislation is a significant achievement toward allowing all of us to take a successful step into the new millennium.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
October 19, 1998.

NOTE: S. 2392, approved October 19, was assigned Public Law No. 105–271.

Statement on Violence in the Republic of Georgia

October 19, 1998

I am deeply disturbed by reports of violence in the western part of the Republic of Georgia, where heavily-armed opposition forces seized hostages and clashed with Government troops today.

The United States strongly supports the democratically-elected Government of Georgia, headed by President Eduard Shevardnadze, and the stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Georgia.

We are glad that the opposition forces decided late today to release their hostages, and we call on the opposition forces to resolve their differences with the Government through peaceful and democratic means rather than by armed confrontation.

Executive Order 13104—Amendment to Executive Order 13021, Tribal Colleges and Universities

October 19, 1998

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), and in order to provide for the continuation of the President's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities, it is hereby ordered that section 7 of Executive Order 13021 is amended to read ''The Board shall terminate on September 30, 1999, unless the Board is renewed by the President prior to that date.''

William J. Clinton

The White House,
October 19, 1998.

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