But I recognize that people differ on that question. But I recognize they differ on serving in that war. But let me tell you something, what I don’t think is right is to try to have it both ways on there. He said on April 17th, “I’m going to reveal all my records on the draft”—was he inducted, wasn’t he; was he drafted, wasn’t he? He has not done that. You cannot equivocate and obfuscate. You’ve got to tell the truth if you want to be President of the United States of America. There is a pattern of deception, and you cannot lead America by misleading. You darned sure can’t turn the White House into the waffle house.

The phone rings over there sometimes in the Oval Office or sometimes upstairs where Barbara and I live in the White House, and you don’t have time to equivocate. You have to make up your mind and call them as you see them, as the umpires do, and do your level-best. Here is why, in conclusion, I believe we are going to win. I believe, in the final analysis, when people go into that booth, I think they’re going to say the President has the best agenda for renewing America. I think they’re going to say we have the best record because we are saying to these young people here, you don’t grow up with that same fear of nuclear war that your mother and dad had.

We have led and dramatically changed the world, and I want to take that leadership now and help lift these kids up and give them a better life. But I’ll tell you why I believe it. I believe I will win because I believe in the final analysis that my wonderful wife—and I think we’ve got a first-class First Lady in that White House, and I am very proud of her.

We have tried—the reason I’ll win this election is I have tried very hard to keep the public trust. You have placed in me a trust, and we have had a clean, a decent administration. We’ve made some mistakes, admitted them. We are leading. Don’t believe it when Governor Clinton and the Ozone Man tell you, don’t believe it when they say we’re a nation in decline. They had the nerve to tell the American people that we’re less than Germany and a little more than Sri Lanka. Forget it. We are number one in the entire world. We are the fairest, the most decent, the most honorable country in the world. I ask for your support and your vote to lead this country for 4 more years.

Thank you, and may God bless the United States. Thank you very much. Thank you very, very much. Thank you all.

Note: The President spoke at 2:15 p.m. at the Civic Plaza.

Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on Issuance of Regulations Reducing Sulfur Dioxide Emissions October 26, 1992

The President today announced that the administration is issuing final regulations that will remove 10 million tons of sulfur dioxide from our air, cutting acid rain by about one-half. This major environmental achievement was made possible through the use of an innovative, market-based emissions allowance trading program that was proposed and signed into law by the President as part of the Clean Air Act. This trading program will save over $1 billion per year compared to the traditional “command and control” regulatory approach for achieving the same amount of reductions.

Through the President’s leadership in passing the Clean Air Act, a decade-long congressional stalemate was broken, and one of the Nation’s most important environmental goals was accomplished, significant progress toward cleaner air. Today’s action further exemplifies the President’s commitment to implementing fully the Clean Air Act, which utilizes the power of the marketplace to improve our environment.

Memorandum of Disapproval for Legislation Requiring an Historical and Cultural Resources Study in Lynn, Massachusetts October 26, 1992

I am withholding my approval of H.R. 2859, which would require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to identify
historic sites in the vicinity of Lynn, Massachusetts, and provide alternatives on the appropriate Federal role in preserving and interpreting these sites.

The National Park Service (NPS) studies many sites to determine if they are nationally significant and therefore suitable for inclusion in the National Park System. A site is nationally significant if it is an outstanding example of a unique natural, historic, or cultural resource with demonstrated importance to the entire Nation.

In many instances, the Congress has used the findings of a congressionally mandated NPS study, regardless of the study's conclusion, to justify authorization of a new unit of the National Park System. To restore credibility and a national focus to its study process, the NPS re-established in 1991 a program to evaluate sites and prioritize candidates for future study. The most promising candidates identified by the NPS experts would be proposed for formal study.

For my fiscal year 1993 Budget request, NPS professionals rated and ranked 41 candidates from criteria established by the Department of the Interior. The fiscal year 1993 Budget proposed $1.2 million to study the seven highest-rated candidates from the list of 41 originally reviewed. The Congress appropriated $848,000 to conduct four of the studies proposed by the NPS.

The NPS experts have not identified the Lynn, Massachusetts, study as a high priority. The effect of this legislation would be to place completion of this study before the completion of other studies that the experts agree are much more important to the Nation.

H.R. 2859 would ignore professional analysis and budget constraints. It would also undermine the critical objective of identifying and evaluating the Nation's most promising natural, historic, and cultural assets for protection as units of the National Park System. I am therefore withholding my approval of H.R. 2859.

George Bush


Note: This memorandum follows the text as released by the Office of the Press Secretary at the White House on October 27.

Statement on Signing the International Dolphin Conservation Act of 1992

October 26, 1992

Today I am signing into law H.R. 5419, the “International Dolphin Conservation Act of 1992.” I strongly support this Act because it builds upon the efforts of my administration to protect dolphins.

I wish to make clear that the provisions in H.R. 5419 concerning the terms of international agreements to protect dolphins are advisory, and will not be interpreted to interfere with the President's constitutional responsibility to conduct this Nation's foreign affairs. In addition, nothing in this Act will be construed to preempt the President's authority to enter into other international agreements concerning the protection of dolphins.

George Bush


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Statement on Signing the Native American Languages Act of 1992

October 26, 1992

Today I am signing into law S. 2044, the “Native American Languages Act of 1992,” a bill to establish a program to help preserve Native American languages. Traditional languages are an important part of this Nation's culture and history and can help provide Native Americans with a sense of identity and pride in their heritage.

I am concerned, however, about provisions in this bill that provide benefits to “Native Hawaiians” as defined in a race-based fash-