dren and your grandchildren the America
and the world they deserve.

God bless you, and God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:20 a.m. in
Michie Stadium. In his remarks, he referred to
Lt. Gen. Daniel W. Christman, USA, Super-
intendent, and Adam K. Ake, valedictorian, U.S.
Military Academy; and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer,
USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

Statement on the Department of
Justice's Report on Crime
June 1, 1997

Four years ago, my administration made
a commitment to take our streets back from
crime and violence. We have a comprehen-
sive anticrime plan, and it is working. More
community police, tougher punishments, and
fewer guns in the hands of criminals are mak-
ing a difference. Today's Justice Department
release marks the largest one-year decline in
murder, aggravated assault, and violent crime
in the past 35 years. The continued down-
ward trend over the past 4 years is further
evidence that we are on the right track with
increased community policing, tougher pen-
alties, and greater juvenile crime prevention
efforts.

Much work remains to be done, however.
Juvenile crime and violence must be our top
law enforcement priority for the next 4 years.
My antigang and youth violence strategy de-
clares war on juvenile crime and gangs, with
new prosecutors and tougher penalties; an
extension of the Brady bill, so violent teenage
criminals will never have the right to pur-
chase a handgun; and resources to keep
schools open after hours, on weekends, and
in the summer. While the House-passed juve-
nile crime legislation falls short of the goals
outlined in my strategy, I am hopeful that
the Senate will improve on this measure and
pass it without delay. We must keep the
crime rate coming down, and every child's
prospect of a bright future going up.

NOTE: This statement was made available by the
Office of the Press Secretary on May 30, but it
was embargoed for release until 6 p.m., June 1.
equipped for combat, the evacuation has been undertaken solely for the purpose of protecting American citizens and property. United States forces will redeploy as soon as evacuation operations are complete and enhanced security at locations in and around Freetown is no longer required.

I have taken this action pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct the foreign relations of the United States and as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive.

I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress fully informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution. I appreciate the support of the Congress in this action to protect American citizens and the American Embassy in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

Statement on the Resumption of the Belfast Talks
June 3, 1997

Today in Belfast, Senator George Mitchell reconvened the talks on the future of Northern Ireland that began almost a year ago. I call on the political leaders to seize this precious opportunity and begin the hard but worthwhile work of negotiating a just and lasting settlement. To engage in serious negotiations, to be willing to make principled compromises, requires courage and creativity. Now is the time for the representatives of the people to show the good sense and goodwill that I saw in such abundance when I visited Northern Ireland. The United States will continue to stand with them as they take on, with the two Governments, the demanding task of shaping a peaceful and prosperous future in which all the people of Northern Ireland will have an equal stake.

As I have said so many times, ideally all the elected parties should be at the table when the decisions that shape the future are made. If the IRA declares and implements an unequivocal cease-fire, I am confident that Sinn Fein will be invited to add its voice to the other parties' at the table as they forge a new future for themselves and their children.

Memorandum on Emigration Policies of Certain Former Eastern Bloc States
June 3, 1997

Presidential Determination No. 97-27

Memorandum for the Secretary of State
Subject: Presidential Determination Under Subsections 402(a) and 409(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as Amended—Emigration Policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by subsections 402(a) and 409(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2432(a) and 2439(a) (the "Act")), I determine that Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine are not in violation of paragraph (1), (2), or (3)