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PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO: NATIONAL EXPORT INITIATIVE

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It's a pleasure to greet the many participants in our National Export Initiative conference. Your program title says it all: "Exports -- Generating Jobs for Americans." We're at the dawn of a new era in the world economy -- presenting exciting opportunities for American business. The Free World has triumphed over ^{Imperial} Communism, and nations in every corner of the globe are turning anew to free markets.

Now more than ever, if we want to thrive at home, we have to compete and lead abroad. Our prosperity hinges on our ability to develop quality products, identify new markets, and go the extra mile to make sales around the world. Exports create good jobs for Americans, and robust trade improves our standard of living. Every billion dollars of U.S. manufactured exports creates more than 20,000 American jobs. And exports continue as one of the strongest forces fueling our economy today: Last year, U.S. exports soared to a record high of \$422 billion while our trade deficit declined to its lowest level in almost a decade.

*USTR
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Our Administration is working hard to open up markets and help American firms compete abroad. Two years ago, for instance, we created the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, bringing together all the expertise of the federal government in a "one-stop shop" for firms interested in exports. And I have my trade negotiators working around the clock to conclude two historic trade agreements -- the North American Free Trade Agreement

linking the United States, Mexico and Canada; and a new global GATT agreement to curb wasteful agricultural subsidies.

Trade is one of the most important issues of our time -- clearly for exporters such as yourselves, but no less vital to consumers the world over who want a better quality of life. That's why I am fighting to open markets. Free trade means more exports, more investment, more choices, and more jobs for Americans. So I'm asking you to intensify your support as we approach the end game in the North American Free Trade talks and the GATT talks. We need trade policies to keep growth up now and in the future. With these, and with your proven ingenuity, we'll keep America the leader that she is -- the number one exporter in the world. Thank you, and may God bless every one of you.

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NEI Presidential video

*Cabinet Affairs
The title of this event tells it all -- Exports, Generating Jobs for Americans*

It is a pleasure to send greetings to participants at this national export initiative event.

We are at the dawn of a new era in the international economy--one that offers exciting opportunities and challenges for U.S. business.

The collapse of communism and the turn toward free market economies have transformed the global economic landscape. Today's battles are not between armies. They're between the economic interests of various nations.

The future is clear: If we want to remain the greatest economic power on earth, we must build a strong economy at home. But, just as important, we must make sure that our companies have a fair chance to do business abroad.

The success of U.S. exporters is a prime stimulus of our economy. Last year, U.S. exports soared to a record high of \$422 billion and our trade deficit declined to \$66 billion, the lowest level since 1983.

Exports create American jobs, stimulate economic growth, and improve our standard of living. Each billion dollar's worth of U.S. ^{manufactured} exports creates more than ²⁶ 25,000 good American jobs.

Most of you are here because you know that if you want to succeed in business these days, you can't worry just about competition from U.S. companies; you have to go head-to-head with

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firms from all over the world.

America's prosperity hinges more than ever on our ability to develop quality products, identify new market opportunities and go the extra mile to make sales in the United States and around the world. Our ingenuity and determination to be the best make America's products among the world's most competitive.

A tremendous export potential exists in America today--and much of it lies with small to medium-sized companies. The overlooked fact is that, while the United States is the world's largest exporter, just 15 percent of our exporters account for over 60 percent of the value of goods shipped across our borders.

There are many good reasons why U.S. firms should look to overseas markets:

- o The world market is more than four times larger than the U.S. market.
- o Many overseas markets are growing at a faster rate than the U.S. market.
- o Exporting can help companies discover new ideas that can lead to new products, applications, or markets.

Some of you may already have started exporting and are looking to expand your businesses to additional markets. Some of you may be just beginning to contemplate an exporting venture.

Our administration has tried hard to encourage export businesses in a number of ways. Two years ago, we created the

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Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, a council of 19 federal agencies that provide export assistance to U.S. firms.

Chaired by Commerce Secretary Barbara Franklin, this Committee is providing a one-stop shop for U.S. firms interested in export programs.

Today's conference is one of a series organized to show the U.S. business community how the federal government can be a strong partner and an information resource for exporting. ~~Last year, more than 7,000 people attended 30 of these conferences held across the country.~~

This conference, "Exports - Generating Jobs for Americans," stresses three essential ingredients for success in the rapidly changing world markets:

- o quality products and services
- o accurate and timely information on market opportunities
- o adequate financing to produce and ship the product.

I urge both the new-to-export company and the seasoned exporter to use the valuable information and services provided here today to aggressively pursue overseas markets.

Promoting American exports--and ensuring free and fair trade--is a priority of my administration. I am committed to opening world markets to U.S. exports and to promoting our free trade agenda everywhere in the world.

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In our major trade negotiations, I will continue pushing to eliminate trade barriers and subsidies that damage America's industries. The United States is the world's largest economy, the world's largest exporter and importer and the world's most productive nation--a success story written by American business men and women.

~~The principal players in the exporting process are the entrepreneurs, who have always energized the U.S. economy.~~ In the final analysis, it is you in the private sector who will maintain America's leadership role in the 21st century. We in government will be supporting you all the way.

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News Summary

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TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1992
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BUSH: \$150 MILLION HIKE IN U.S. AID FOR FORESTS -- President Bush, facing criticism of his environmental policies on the eve of the the Earth Summit, Monday pledged to more than double U.S. aid to developing nations next year to help them conserve their forests. (Washington Post, Washington Times, UPI, AP, Reuter)

GREATER U.S. EFFORT BACKED TO OUST IRAQI -- The House Select Committee on Intelligence has approved \$40 million in covert aid in 1993 to help overthrow Saddam Hussein, more than doubling the current \$15 million budget, Administration and other government officials said Monday. (New York Times)

NATIONAL NEWS

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ENERGY DEPARTMENT BOOSTS MINORITY DEPOSIT PROGRAM -- The U.S. Department of Energy announced Monday it will expand its minority bank deposits program, making \$250 million in funds available including \$22 million for riot-torn areas of Los Angeles. (UPI)

NETWORK NEWS (Monday evening)

ENVIRONMENT/PRESIDENT -- President Bush went on the offensive, offering money to help the world's forests and challenging other countries to join in.

VOTER CONCERNS/POLLS -- ABC News/Washington Post poll shows Perot with 36%, leading President Bush (31%) and Bill Clinton (27%).

ECONOMY -- Americans made more and spent more in April but not by a lot.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BUSH: \$150 MILLION HIKE IN U.S. AID FOR FORESTS

President Bush, facing criticism of his environmental policies on the eve of the opening of the Earth Summit, Monday pledged to more than double U.S. aid to developing nations next year to help them conserve their forests.

The announcement of a \$150 million increase in U.S. aid for forest conservation next year was coupled with a call to other nations to increase their assistance. But the announcement drew immediate cries of hypocrisy from environmental activists who strongly opposed the Administration's decision last month to allow a limited exemption to the Endangered Species Act to permit some logging on Northwest federal land.

"The President continues to advocate policies at home that would loot the last remaining stands of America's old-growth rain forest," said Rep. Vento. "His rhetoric today about saving forests in other countries is sadly hypocritical."

Officials acknowledged that the forest proposal was an effort to blunt criticism emerging from the Earth Summit gathering that the Bush Administration has watered down a global warming treaty and refused to sign a biodiversity treaty. An official briefing reporters Monday said the biodiversity treaty had a series of unacceptable provisions, but that spending money to preserve forests was a better approach to the same conservation goals. "This is a concrete way of conserving forests," the official said. "This is not rhetoric. This is reality. This is real dollars."

(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A9)

Bush Proposes Plan For Planet

The Bush Administration Monday launched a pre-emptive strike against its environmental critics, claiming that the Earth Summit opening in Brazil Wednesday will produce more rhetoric than action.

Administration officials said Bush is upset with many of the 100 world leaders attending the summit who have accused the U.S. with holding up progress on improving the world's environment. To offset those attacks, echoed by American environmental groups, the Administration Monday released a 56-point fact sheet detailing White House initiatives to clean up the nation's air and water.

A senior Administration official said the attacks from American environmental groups and foreign nations are "hot air.... It's ludicrous that we take any shots across the bow." Another official said "the Europeans deserve high marks for their rhetoric." The official said the U.S. has balked at signing a major agreement because "we take these things seriously."

(Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A1)

President Bush Asserts U.S. Leadership Role On Environment

GREENBELT -- President Bush claimed a leadership role Monday in bridging economic development with environmental preservation as he sought to quell criticism that the Administration softened global pacts leading up to Wednesday's U.N. Earth Summit.

But the tone of Bush's speech was defensive and self-congratulatory, as he rattled off his achievements as the self-proclaimed "environmental president." He credited himself with improving the nation's drinking water and air, with a ban on driftnet fishing and protection of wetlands, and with the decrease in oil exploration off America's coasts.

Environmental groups attacked Bush's deforestation request and his claim that he is a committed environmentalist. "This is the height of hypocrisy," said Michael Fisher, executive director of the Sierra Club. "The President is trying to snooker the American people." Fisher asserted that Bush has been an obstacle to a global warming pact and forests and species extinction treaties. "Then he guts the Clean Air Act and promises to chainsaw America's forests. But now he's going to hide behind a fig leaf forest deal and go down to Rio to blow hot air," he said. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

Earth Summit "Green Fever" Grips Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO -- A "green fever" gripped Rio on Monday as ecologists, diplomats and native people from around the world streamed into the city for the 12-day Earth Summit. President Bush is already being painted as a villain. "Bush arrives in Rio as an enemy of the conference," wrote Brazil's Veja Magazine. It referred to the U.S. government as "Uncle Filthy."

(Peter Muello, AP)

Clinton Says Bush "Guts" Global Warming Accord

OAKLAND -- Bill Clinton Monday accused President Bush of gutting a global warming accord to be signed at the Earth Summit in Brazil and called the move "a terrible mistake."

"In 10 days, the President will be flying down to Rio to sign something he fought for -- a global warming treaty which guts the requirement that we really reduce carbon dioxide emissions by the year 2000," Clinton said. "We went against every advanced nation in the world and refused to limit global warming. We made a terrible mistake," Clinton told a sunny noontime rally in front of Oakland's City Hall.

(Irwin Arieff, Reuter)

Europeans Seeking Own Greenhouse Accord In Rio

BONN -- European countries are working on a regional accord on global warming for the Earth Summit to strengthen a world treaty watered down by the U.S., German Environment Minister Klaus Toepfer said Monday. Toepfer named Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Sweden as interested in making a group pledge at the summit with a fixed date for cutting air pollution blamed for global warming.

Toepfer said a European accord would strengthen efforts after Rio to fix amounts and deadlines for the industrial world to cut pollution believed to cause the so-called "greenhouse effect."

(Marcus Kabel, Reuter)

U.S. TO WIDEN ANTI-DRUG EFFORT

The Bush Administration said Monday it plans to expand anti-drug operations in Central America and the Caribbean, a move that carries political and diplomatic risks in one of the target countries: Guatemala.

Congress has long objected vehemently to U.S. military aid to Guatemala because of claims the Guatemalan military has a negative human rights record. Margaret Tutwiler said the Administration "has under review a variety of proposals to enhance counterdrug cooperation" in the Central American region. But she and Pentagon spokesman Army Maj. Bryan Whitman refused to disclose details of the anti-drug strikes.

(Juan Walte, USA Today, 6A)

EXILED HAITIAN LEADER CALLS FOR TIGHTER SANCTIONS

MINNEAPOLIS -- President Aristide was tired, but his message Monday was tougher than ever. He wants even tighter economic sanctions imposed on his native Haiti as part of his international campaign to regain power.

Granting that a partial embargo enacted by the 37 members of the OAS has created "the worst possible" economic conditions for his people, Aristide said he nevertheless favors a naval blockade that would cut off all oil supplies and further isolate Haiti.

(Frank Wright, Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune)

GREATER U.S. EFFORT BACKED TO OUST IRAQI

The House Select Committee on Intelligence has approved \$40 million in covert aid in 1993 to help overthrow Saddam Hussein, more than doubling the current \$15 million budget, Administration and other government officials said Monday.

One senior Administration official confirmed the expansion of the covert program. But he played down its significance, saying, "This does not reflect a policy change." Other officials added that the expanded program will give the Administration more flexibility in cultivating potential sources of opposition inside Iraq, but said the Administration has no illusions that the expanded program will topple the Iraqi leader.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has not yet approved the aid proposal, and it is unclear whether it will.

(Elaine Sciolino, New York Times, A3)

U.S. LAUNCHES INVESTIGATION AS TALKS CONTINUE

The U.S. has begun a formal investigation into alleged piracy of American copyrights and trademarks in Taiwan, the U.S. Trade Representative's office said Monday.

The six-month investigation, which could bring higher U.S. duties on Taiwanese products, starts amid so-far-inconclusive talks between the two governments on resolving U.S. complaints about lack of protection for American books, films, computer software, music recordings and trademarks.

(AP)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "U.S. Environment Negotiator In Rio Walks A Tightrope In Administration," an article on William Reilly by Keith Schneider, appears in the New York Times, page A11.

NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH MOVES TO EXPAND URBAN ENTERPRISE PLAN

The Bush Administration plans to tell congressional leaders Tuesday it will broadly expand its proposal to create urban enterprise zones, including adding new tax benefits for poor people employed in those zones, as it seeks to generate support in Congress for its urban package.

Under a new proposal, approved in concept Monday, the White House will propose deeper tax benefits, including a refundable earned income tax credit for unemployed persons who get jobs in the new zones. The credit will basically offset the Social Security and other taxes lower-income wage earners pay that sometimes results in their bringing home less money when working than they did when they collected welfare benefits.

The Administration also will allow businesses investing in enterprise zones to write off up to \$50,000 in capital expenses the first year, compared to spreading those expenses out over several years, and will allow them to use both tangible and intangible assets in calculating capital gains.

(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A4)

BUSH SLIPS AGAIN IN POLLS

NEW YORK -- Two national polls released Monday showed further slippage in President Bush's standing with voters, and one survey showed him falling below Ross Perot in a three-way race.

Bush's approval rating fell to 35%, its lowest point ever in a CBS News poll; An ABC-Washington Post poll showed Perot leading Bush and Clinton among 1,003 Americans surveyed Wednesday through Sunday. Among registered voters, the candidates were almost even, with Perot at 34%, Bush at 31% and Clinton at 29%. Among "likely voters," Perot had 37%, Bush and Clinton 29% each, ABC said; Favorable opinions about Bush fell to 30% in the CBS poll taken Wednesday through Saturday, from 36% earlier in May. Clinton's favorability rating dropped to 15% from 24% three weeks earlier.

The CBS horse race differed from ABC's, with Bush leading at 35%, Clinton at 27% and Perot at 26% among registered voters.

(Howard Goldberg, AP)

Perot Has Narrow Lead in Post/ABC News Poll

Ross Perot leads President Bush and Bill Clinton in the latest Washington Post/ABC News presidential preference poll. President Bush's showing is one of the worst ever for an incumbent and marked his steady decline since the election year began. Clinton, though running weakly, appears to be holding onto a base of support and the fact that he is tied with Bush marks a kind of improvement, because many state polls have shown him running third.

Perot's support is broadest among men, political independents, those earning more than \$25,000 a year and the college-educated. Perot does particularly well with middle-aged voters; among those 45 to 54 years old, the survey found that Perot claimed 43% of the hypothetical vote.

(Richard Morin, Washington Post, A1)

CLINTON HAMMERS JOBS, EDUCATION THEMES

OAKLAND -- On the eve of clinching the Democratic presidential nomination, Bill Clinton donned a blue collar Monday, saying the Bush Administration has shortchanged the nation's working class.

"Over the last two years, California lost half a million jobs," Clinton said. "Over the last 10 years, the middle class has gone downhill... Poverty is on the rise among the working people, that is the legacy of the last 10 years.... We have to work for change."

Bush, meanwhile, saw another drop in support among Republican voters from 74% in early May to 66% in the latest poll. The California Poll results may be the least of Bush's worries. Jerry Brown announced Monday he's heading to Rio de Janeiro to battle Bush at the Earth Summit.

"What Bush is doing is morally irresponsible," Brown said. "The destruction of the environment is occurring because government leaders like Bush are not standing up to polluters. Bush is a disaster."
(William Murray, UPI)

**CALIFORNIA VOTERS EXPRESS DISILLUSIONMENT
WITH BUSH AND CLINTON**

BURBANK -- It took only a few hours last week at the Media Center City mall here to understand why George Bush and Bill Clinton are lagging in the latest Washington Post/ABC News poll.

Two Ross Perot volunteers at card tables could hardly accommodate those eager to sign nominating petitions for Perot. Other voters voiced such disparaging comments about the President and Clinton that it was almost a mercy Bush and Clinton had no campaign workers on the scene.

"Bush is living in his own little world. He just doesn't see much outside where he is," said Carole Ainsworth, a registered Democrat who crossed party lines to vote for Bush four years ago.

Leaders of both parties in Sacramento blame much of the disillusionment on the severe recession. In addition, a series of natural and social disasters -- from the Oakland fires to the Los Angeles riots -- have converted the California culture that nurtured Ronald Reagan's inbred optimism into a 900-mile-long psychological wasteland.
(David Broder, Washington Post, A6)

KIRKPATRICK BEING SOUNDED AS POSSIBLE PEROT RUNNING MATE

Jeane Kirkpatrick is being sounded out as a potential running mate for Ross Perot, Republican sources say. A Perot representative called such speculation premature.

Kirkpatrick has been believed to be on Perot's "short list" for some time. GOP sources not directly connected with the Perot effort said that interest in her on the part of Perot's lieutenants has sharpened recently. "They're having hot and heavy conversations with Kirkpatrick," said one source. (Tom Raum, AP)

ENERGY DEPARTMENT BOOSTS MINORITY DEPOSIT PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES -- The U.S. Department of Energy announced Monday it will expand its minority bank deposits program, making \$250 million in funds available nationwide, including \$22 million for riot-torn areas of Los Angeles.

"This will immediately provide funds for business investment in the riot affected areas of Los Angeles and for the growth of minority- and women-owned businesses throughout the nation," Secretary Watkins said at a news conference at Motown Records in Hollywood.

Watkins said President Bush has given approval for an 11-fold expansion of the department's program, which is designed to provide investment capital to economically distressed areas. It is funded through settlements the agency obtains from restitution paid by oil companies that violated price controls between 1974 and 1981.

(Dave McNary, UPI)

**FORMAL LEGAL OPINION BACKING BUSH
ON EPA CAME 2 WEEKS AFTER DECISION**

The legal opinion behind President Bush's decision to overrule the EPA on an important air-pollution regulation wasn't formally put into writing until two weeks after the decision was made. Even then, the Justice Department marked the memorandum "attorney-client privileged" in an attempt to keep the memo quiet.

The memo controversy "has all the earmarkings of an attempt to frustrate the intent of Congress under the Clean Air Act, and to do so under cover," charged Sen. Lieberman, who pressed the EPA to release the document. "Substantively and procedurally, it's a bad way to do business," Lieberman added.

(Bob Davis, Wall Street Journal, A16)

**PENTAGON ANALYST QUESTIONS PLAN
FOR EARLY 'STAR WARS' DEPLOYMENT**

The Pentagon's top program analyst says a \$35 billion plan to protect the nation from nuclear attack with land-based interceptors calls for a hasty deployment that threatens costly and crippling problems.

The official, Dr. David Chu, Assistant Secretary of Defense for program analysis and evaluation, says in an internal Pentagon document that the plan risks failure by rushing the development of rocket-powered interceptors and skipping important performance tests. That, he wrote, could hide defects that would cripple the system or lead to costly repairs.

In his analysis, Dr. Chu said the plan should be overhauled to delay the system's debut by as much as six years, from 1997 to the year 2003, so that prototype arms and other antimissile apparatus could be thoroughly tested, and modified if necessary, before being put into mass production.

Rejecting such criticism, the plan's architects say they remain confident that an initial system can be fielded by 1997. But they concede that the goal of speedy deployment with abbreviated testing carries many risks.

(William Broad, New York Times, A1)

**GAO SAYS U.S. IS SLOW IN PURSUING FINANCIAL CLAIMS
IN THRIFT CLEANUP**

The collapse of financial institutions across the country has cost taxpayers billions of dollars, but the federal government is seeking to recover damages in less than half of the cases, according to GAO.

In testimony prepared for delivery to the Senate Banking Committee Tuesday, the GAO says that federal officials estimate there was fraud or negligence in 75% of failed federally insured banks and savings and loan institutions. Government lawsuits seeking monetary damages are being brought in only 20% of bank failures and 41% of thrift failures, the GAO said.

The agency said the FDIC and the RTC have been handicapped by staff shortages in bringing cases, and said the FDIC lacks a system for determining who has financial assets worth pursuing.

(Susan Schmidt, Washington Post, C3)

**CRITICS RAP BUSH ADMINISTRATION
FOR PUTTING INDUSTRY BEFORE CONSUMERS**

The Bush Administration's recipe for food safety puts the industry's economic interests ahead of the health of consumers, activists said Tuesday in releasing a menu of grievances from "half-baked" fish inspections to "pesticide-perfect" fruit.

Public Voice for Food and Health Policy said its beef with the Bush Administration ranged from meat and chicken inspections to the monitoring of milk for drug residues. The group also complained that the Bush Administration has failed to address food safety concerns and instead served the public an "unhealthy portion of sweet-talk, puff pieces and sugarcoated recipes for continued neglect."

Public Voice urged the Bush Administration to, among other things, support comprehensive seafood safety legislation and require a warning label for raw, molluscan shellfish; and rescind approval for irradiation of poultry and other foods and improve the current inspection and processing of poultry with improved monitoring for infection.

(Jennifer Dixon, AP)

NEW BILL TO OFFER RELIEF FOR SMALL BANKS

TORONTO -- Secretary Brady said Monday Congress will consider a plan to give small banks some relief from paperwork requirements imposed by last year's banking law. Brady offered few specifics of the proposal, but said it was designed to weed out "those regulations that are truly regulating regulations and don't get to the heart of anything."

The measure, to be sponsored by Sen. Dole, would exempt small banks from new community lending rules and repeal reporting requirements for small business and farm loans by small banks, said Diane Casey of the Independent Bankers Association of America.

Casey said the tentative language of the proposed law would provide an exemption for banks with less than \$100 million in assets from the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977. The act is designed to prevent discriminatory lending practices and encourage bankers to invest in the communities where they take deposits.

(Rob Wells, AP)

BRADY ON DEFICIT THREAT

Though the economy is strengthening, Secretary Brady warned that the budget deficit is a threat to the USA's future. "Our continued large federal deficit... poses a threat to our future prosperity, and we must bring it under control," Brady said after talking to bankers at an International Monetary Conference.

Brady said the sluggish Japanese economy is an immediate concern. He called on Japan to reduce its large trade surplus and stimulate its economy to boost demand for foreign imports.

(Moneyline, USA Today, 1B)

PURCHASING AGENTS SURVEY SHOWS GAINS

American manufacturing strengthened in May to the healthiest level in nearly four years, a national group of industrial purchasing executives said Monday in a closely watched monthly survey.

The National Association of Purchasing Management's index of business activity rose to 56.3%, a sharp increase from the 51.3% level in April and the fourth straight month the index has reflected an expansion (any reading above 50% indicates manufacturing growth).

Economists said the survey, which revealed unexpectedly robust production, new orders, exports and employment last month, offered fresh evidence that the economy is moving upward.

The report offset a government report Monday showing relatively weak improvement in April income and spending. The Commerce Department said income from wages, salaries, rents and other sources inched up 0.1%, the third increase in a row but well below gains of 0.4% in March and 1% in February.

(News Services, Washington Post, C1)

TRADE GAP

The merchandise trade deficit narrowed to \$17.5 billion last quarter, the second-best showing in nine years, the Commerce Department says. The gap between exports and imports fell 5.8% from the fourth quarter's deficit of \$18.5 billion. The improvement came from a 15% decline in oil imports, reflecting a big drop in foreign oil prices.

(Moneyline, USA Today, 1B)

DOW CLOSES ABOVE 3400 FOR FIRST TIME

NEW YORK -- Revived optimism about the economy and a possible recovery in the auto industry Monday powered the Dow Jones industrial average to close above 3400 for the first time. The Dow average rose 16.33 points to close at 3413.21.

Analysts said investors rushed to buy automakers' shares following a report that the companies plan to raise their total third-quarter production sharply.

(News Services, Washington Post, C2)

SUN REPORTER AIDED THOMAS, BOOK SAYS

A Baltimore Sun reporter apparently helped smooth the way for the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court last July by acting as an intermediary between the White House and the NAACP, according to a new book.

Arch Parsons, who resigned from the Sun in January as part of a voluntary buyout program, passed along information that helped allay the Bush Administration's fears of strong NAACP opposition, says the book, "Capitol Games: Clarence Thomas, Anita Hill, and the Story of a Supreme Court Nomination."

(Dan Fesperman, Baltimore Sun, 1A)

INDUSTRIES LOSE CHALLENGE OF OWL PROTECTION PLAN

Logging and timber industry groups have lost a challenge against government guidelines intended to protect the northern spotted owl.

U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson rejected arguments that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's guidelines unfairly restricted timber harvesting in the Pacific Northwest and the Southeast. Johnson rejected arguments that the government improperly stretched the Endangered Species Act's definition of actions that constitute "taking" or harming a threatened species. Johnson said, "Congress made clear that the definition of 'take' was to be interpreted 'in the broadest possible manner to include every conceivable way in which a person can 'take' or attempt to 'take' any fish or wildlife.'" (Laurie Asseo, AP)

\$18 MILLION ROCKWELL FINE ENDS A-ARMS PLANT PROBE

DENVER -- U.S. District Judge Sherman Finesilver closed the book Monday on a massive environmental investigation at Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant by accepting an \$18.5 million fine against Rockwell International Corp. for 10 crimes.

Environmental groups complained because criminal charges were never brought against Energy Department managers at the plutonium trigger plant. Assistant U.S. Attorney Ken Fimberg said lack of criminal charges does not mean that the Justice Department has "given Rocky Flats the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval. That simply is not the case." (AP, Washington Post, A5)

NETWORK NEWS

(Monday evening, June 1)

ENVIRONMENT/PRESIDENT

ABC's Forest Sawyer: On the week when world leaders gather in Rio to discuss how to preserve the planet, President Bush, the Supreme Court and even an invention are making headlines on the environment. The President's under fire for watering down proposals for the Rio summit. And today he went on the offensive, offering money to help the world's forests and challenging other countries to join in. The question is whether it's too little too late.

ABC's Brit Hume: The President was announcing several environmental initiatives he will take with him to the Rio summit next week. But he found it necessary to devote much of his address to an overall defense of his environmental record.

(President Bush: "I came to this office committed to extend America's record of environmental leadership. And I've worked to do so in a way that is compatible with economic growth.")

The President's main new announcement was that he will urge the industrial world to double to \$2.7 billion its annual aid to help poorer nations halt the loss of their forests. The idea is to reverse the loss of forest land by the end of the decade.

(President Bush: "And as a down payment, the U.S. will increase its bilateral forest assistance by \$150 million next year.")

But the Administration has softened the global warming treaty to be signed in Rio and is refusing to sign the other major treaty on protection of animal and plant species.

(TV coverage of President Bush shaking hands with kids in January 1990.)

So today's announcement was met by the kind of criticism accorded nearly everything this President does on the environment -- not so much that he's doing the wrong thing but that he's not doing nearly enough and not for the right reasons.

(Sen. Gore: "The simple truth is the President has stumbled on environmental policy and betrayed his pledge to be an environmental president, and now he is trying to convince the American people he's invented a new dance step.")

(TV coverage of President Bush and William Reilly around Marine One.)

William Reilly, the President's environmental protection chief, insists by all the standard measures, enforcement actions, money spent and new legislation, the President has an excellent record. So what's the problem?

(Reilly: "It may be that the claim the President would be the environmental president led them to have unrealistic expectations, particularly at a time of economic difficulty and budget pressure.")

Perhaps so, but it was George Bush, not environmental activists, who promised he'd be the environmental president. Once he said that, it was inevitable that they would judge them by their standards, not his.

(ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: How to save the earth and not go broke in the process. That's essentially the mission of the world's first environmental summit meeting now getting organized in Rio de Janeiro with warnings not to expect too much. President Bush leaves for Rio in 10 days defensive but now with a new offer.

NBC's John Cochran: George Bush's aides privately say he does not like environmental groups any more than they like him. He feels that no matter how much he does they'll say it's not enough. With little hope now of being known as the environmental president, Bush today was just trying to limit damage -- damage to woodlands around the world and damage to his reputation.

(President Bush: "At Rio I will ask the other industrialized countries to join me in doubling worldwide forest assistance with a goal of halting the loss of the world's forests by the end of the decade.")

For starters Bush will increase forest conservation aid to poor nations by \$150 million next year if Bush is still president next year. But no one was ever elected president because of his environmental concerns. So, over the past year Bush has given top priority to pocketbook issues, to jobs. Last year Bush made it easier for developers to build on half of the nation's protected wetlands which are not so protected now. This year the President relaxed air pollution regulations and permitted logging on 1,700 acres in Oregon which have been home to the spotted owl. Less noticed but just as important, the Administration made it hard for citizens to protest industrial use of public land.

(Sen. Mitchell: "For President Bush to call himself the environment president would be a joke if it weren't so serious.")

(Sen. Gore: "I would not put the trees in my backyard in his care. I'd be concerned that he had a chain saw in the trunk.")

Gore has tried to make the environment his issue. White House aides scornfully note that the environmental vote didn't help Gore when he ran for President four years ago. Environmentalists scorn Bush for watering down a Rio treaty on carbon dioxide emissions and for refusing to sign another treaty protecting plants, animals and natural resources.

(Michael Oppenheimer, Environmental Defense Fund: "The Bush Administration has been a millstone around the neck of the Earth Summit process. What we need is leadership.")

But if George Bush can't be the environmental president then he wants to be the economic president. Of course what he really wants is to be the re-elected president. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Paula Zahn: President Bush is drawing fire over his environmental record as he prepares to go the Earth Summit in Brazil. And the criticism didn't let up today, even as Mr. Bush announced an extra \$150 million in U.S. aid to save the world's forests.

(President Bush: "The plan is to encourage partnerships between recipient countries who could propose new projects and investor countries who, in effect, could bid to support the most effective proposals for sequestering CO2 or preserving biodiversity.")

(Sen. Gore: "This is a smoke screen designed to divert attention from the consequences of the President's insistence that no commitments be included in the treaties that are due to be signed at the Earth Summit. The simple truth is the President has stumbled on environmental policy and betrayed his pledge to be an environmental president.") (CBS-2)

VOTER CONCERNS/POLLS

Sawyer reports of further evidence of Ross Perot's strength. Our latest ABC News/Washington Post poll shows Mr. Perot with 36%, leading both President Bush [31%] and Bill Clinton [27%]. (ABC-7)

Zahn says in a CBS News poll Mr. Bush's public approval rating is down to 35% -- the lowest ever. The President's likely Democratic opponent is having troubles of his own.

CBS's Richard Threlkeld reports the CBS News nationwide poll completed this weekend shows Clinton running 8% behind President Bush and virtually tied with Ross Perot [Clinton -- 27% and Ross Perot -- 26%]. Only 15% of those polled view Clinton favorably. The Clinton forces plan to start the general campaign this week in hopes that America's love affair with Ross Perot will turn out to be just a summer fling, and that by autumn the voters will be ready to give Bill Clinton a second look. (CBS-4)

CAMPAIGN/CLINTON

Brokaw reports Clinton today talked about education with high school students in central California. (ABC-8, NBC-3)

PEROT/RUNNING MATE

Brokaw reports Ross Perot's wife Margot told NBC's Jamie Gangel that she was pushing her husband to choose a woman as his running mate. And she said the most important issue to her is abortion. She is pro-choice. (NBC-4)

ECONOMY

Sawyer reports Americans made more and spent more in April but not by a lot. Personal income rose just 0.1%. Consumer spending was up 0.3%. Economists say that does mean the recovery is underway, but it is not very strong. (ABC-12)

HAZARDOUS WASTE/SUPREME COURT

Sawyer reports the Supreme Court set some new ground rules on what to do with hazardous waste.

ABC's Tim O'Brien reports Alabama has the nation's oldest and longest dumping ground for hazardous waste. Most of it comes from out of state. And for that, the state charges an additional \$72 a ton. Today the Supreme Court ruled such fees unconstitutionally discriminate against interstate commerce. The decision effectively forces the 16 states that have such facilities to accept the hazardous waste of the other 34 that don't, on an equal basis.

(NBC-5, ABC-4)

CHILD VACCINATIONS/U.S.

Sawyer reports millions of American children are not getting vaccinations designed to protect them from a number of preventable diseases because the money is simply not there. Today in Washington, a proposal to do something about it:

ABC's George Strait reports only 48% of American children under the age of 1 are vaccinated against preventable diseases like measles, mumps and polio. That means the U.S. ranks last among the world's 130 industrialized nations in immunizing children. Unlike other countries, the U.S. doesn't have a national strategy to assure children are immunized. Sen. Riegle wants to change that. He wants more credits to reach poor children, a national computerized system to track the immunization record of every child from birth, and outreach workers to go into communities and vaccinate unprotected children. In the first year the plan would cost \$92 million. Sen. Riegle says that is nothing compared to the cost of treating sick children. The Administration calls the plan extravagant.

(Christine Nye, HHS: "In many ways it duplicates efforts already underway in the department and states in the Medicaid program.") The Administration estimates those efforts would immunize 80% of American children. That would mean instead of being last among industrialized nations in vaccinations the U.S. would be 48th.

(ABC-11)

SAC

CBS's David Martin says today in SAC went out of business after preparing for a nuclear war it never had to fight.

(General Powell, Omaha: "The long, bitter years of the Cold War are over, and America and her allies have won totally, decisively, overwhelmingly.")

(CBS-12)

YUGOSLAVIA

Sawyer reports Serbian fighters ignored another cease-fire agreement and continued their assault on Sarajevo.

(ABC-15)

NBC's Keith Miller says in Europe there are more than a million people fleeing ethnic fighting. More than 17 million people are now classified as refugees and another 35 million as displaced. What's happened? The end of the Cold War was supposed to bring security to the world.

(Keith Miller questioning Tony Vaux, OXFAM emergency unit: "So it [end of Cold War] has happened so rapidly that the U.S. and other Western countries just don't know how to respond?")

(Vaux: "There is a great fear throughout the world that the U.S. will pull out of whole areas of the world -- will just lose interest.")

The U.S. remains the largest single donor of aid to refugees. But some of the money and a lot of the attention is now being diverted to help the former Soviet Union. The need is much greater, say aid experts, in Africa. But America's strategic interest doesn't extend this far.

(CBS-6, NBC-12)

MIDEAST DRUGS

Zahn reports a new and potent weapon has turned up in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Israeli officials say it [heroin] is threatening their society and American society as well while making big profits for Israel's worst enemy [Syria].

CBS's Allen Pizzey reports Israeli officials say they have proof that drug dealers are connected to the highest levels of the Syrian government. American experts say significant amounts of heroin and hashish come from the Bekka Valley.

(Robert Stutman, Former DEA administrator: "I don't think we're getting the cooperation from the Syrians, and they're the ones you have to get it from. A lot of people are asking, 'Whatever happened to the pressure on Syria on the drug issue?'"

The answer is money -- so much money that Syria can ignore its ally the U.S. and so far even beat the Israelis. (CBS-13)

ARAFAT/SURGERY

Sawyer reports Yasser Arafat was rushed to a hospital in Jordan for surgery to have a number of blood clots removed from his brain. They apparently were the result of a plane crash he was in two months ago. Doctors say he is recovering well.

(CBS-7, NBC-11, ABC-17)

SECRETARY BAKER/JOB SWITCH

Zahn: The State Department joined the chorus of denials that Secretary Baker is about to pull a job switch. There had been some speculation that Baker might take over the Bush re-election campaign or replace Sam Skinner as the White House Chief of Staff because of the President's slump in the polls. (CBS-3)

INVITRO FERTILIZATION/ABORTION

Zahn: A court ruling in Tennessee today in an unprecedented case: It is a custody battle over seven fertilized human eggs. As CBS News health correspondent Edie Magnus reports, the court's answer raises a lot of new questions.

Magnus reports seven fertilized eggs have remained frozen in liquid nitrogen at this clinic in Knoxville for nearly four years -- objects of a protracted legal battle between Junior Davis and his then-wife Mary Sue. The couple created them through invitro fertilization and sued for custody of them when they divorced. Mary Sue had sought the right to be implanted with the pre-embryos. Her ex-husband argued he should not be forced to become a father against his will. Today the Tennessee Supreme Court ruled that when a couple cannot agree on how to dispose of pre-embryos, the party wishing to avoid procreation should prevail. The opinion clearly asserts that the interests of adults prevail over the rights of the unborn, a point which ethicists predict will factor into the national debate over abortion. (CBS-Lead)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

HAITI

OAS Tightens Up On Haiti -- "There is more that can, and should, be done. Despite the OAS embargo, Haiti continues to trade with the E.C. and to get oil from it.... There is speculation that the U.S. will approach the 12 EC members individually...in an effort to get each nation to tighten the screws on Haiti despite the accords. If that approach can work, fine. But the U.S. should do whatever it takes. The Bush Administration has some influence with this nation's European allies. It is time to put that influence to use."
(Buffalo News, 5/24)

America's Shameful Policy On Haiti -- "If the Statue of Liberty could see all the way to the Caribbean, she would have wept Tuesday at the spectacle of the U.S. forcibly returning refugees intercepted in mid-flight from tyranny and poverty in Haiti.... The Bush edict flouts U.N. protocols forbidding the return of refugees if their lives are threatened at home. And the callous treatment of poor, black Haitians sullies America's reputation as a haven for victims of repression.... Washington, the OAS and the U.N...need to begin addressing the refugee tide as an international problem. Working together, they could devise a method of managing it -- perhaps by locating other Guantanos for refugee processing or housing them in nearby nations until a measure of normality (and President Aristide) returns to Haiti."
(Chicago Tribune, 5/27)

A Disgraceful Reversal On Refugees -- "Perhaps no single principle in the treatment of refugees has greater standing than the requirement to grant temporary protection to people in flight. Kenya, to list just one example, is doing so responsibly for a swelling tide of Somalis, Ethiopians and Sudanese. The U.S. has chastised others for failing to observe that principle. This country has accepted it in a 1951 international agreement on refugees, in a 1967 U.N. protocol and in its own 1980 refugee law. That the U.S. has now chosen to duck the responsibilities expected of all countries is a national disgrace."
(Minnesota Star Tribune, 5/29)

Bush's Treatment Of Haitians Is Illegal And Cruel -- "'No contracting state shall expel or return...a refugee in any manner whatsoever to the frontiers of territories where his life or freedom would be threatened on account of his race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.' The U.S. is a 'contracting state' under this section of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.... By ordering the Coast Guard to pick up Haitians at sea, burn their leaky boats and return the refugees to Haiti, President Bush is in violation of an international treaty ratified by the Senate. He is also arguably violating the U.S. Refugee Act of 1980.... The Bush Administration should abide by the nation's solemn commitment to them [Haitian refugees] under international law."
(New York Newsday, 5/28)

ENVIRONMENT

A Boon For Biodiversity -- "The Bush Administration announced this week that it will treat genetically altered foods no differently than other foods when they come to market.... It's a sensible move. It will add to the 'biodiversity' that environmentalists and others are always claiming they want.... A threat to biotech development comes from next week's 'Earth Summit.' Many Third World nations want to require sharing of technology and royalties under the guise of protecting 'biodiversity.'... Fortunately, the White House has indicated it will refuse to sign any agreements that impinge on market incentives for research, development and commercial exploitation of biotech breakthroughs."

(Detroit News, 5/29)

Nature Vs. Jobs? -- "That [environmental protection] involves costs, to be sure. But, argues William Reilly...there are 'silver linings buried in those costs.' Indeed, in the name of both competition and common sense, the White House ought to be playing up the opportunity side of the equation.... The real choices aren't between nature and jobs anyway, but between some jobs and others -- farmers vs. fishermen, one kind of fisherman vs. another, jobs on the coast vs. jobs at sea, and (the hardest) jobs for today vs. jobs for the future. George Bush, the candidate, has made his pitch for today's jobs. We hope down in Rio he can find it in himself to lead -- to talk, for a change, about tomorrow's."

(Philadelphia Inquirer, 5/29)

Mr. Environment No More -- "In this presidential election year, the people in the Bush White House apparently no longer believe the environment is politically popular. In fact, they seem to think that being against environmental protection will help George Bush win a second term. Many of the new policies are pitched to win votes in Western states where federal land holdings are vast and popular opinion is frequently against strict federal regulation on the use of land, water, air, timber and minerals. This is the only conclusion that one can draw from a series of Cabinet-level and executive decisions that bring various facets of the nation's environment closer to permanent damage, if not destruction."

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 5/24)

The Environmental President -- "How does the 'environmental president' show his devotion to our nation's resources, for which he is responsible? Let us count the ways. He favors stripping the national forests so the timber interests can get rich selling trees abroad.... His 'God Squad' of selected Administration officials voted to ditch endangered-species protections to facilitate this sellout to foreign buyers of lumber. He has adopted rules limited the public's ability to appeal the clearcutting of the public's national forests. He has backed away from rules requiring Detroit to make more efficient cars, because Detroit would rather not. He reversed his stated policy of 'no net loss' of wetlands by redefining wetlands. He adopted a proposal dreamed up by Dan Quayle to allow smokestack industries to ignore the Clear Air Act.... You hate to think what a president lacking Bush's 'commitment' to the environment might do."

(Des Moines Register, 5/27)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

HAITI

"The Latin American community, the U.S. and Canada have enough influence to have pushed for a solution to the Haitian crisis. But they haven't done it. It's worse to let the situation continue as it stands. With the doors to the U.S. and the Dominican Republic closed, Haiti could become stained with blood. If this happened, the OAS would be buried forever."

(El Siglo, 5/28, Dominican Republic)

"The U.S. is the friendliest country in the world. No other country has shown the disposition and capacity to welcome the human wave arriving from almost the whole world.... Accepting more Haitians is beyond the economic and organizational capability of the Dominican government. Haitians deserve help from a large international aid operation, but in their own country."

(Listin Diario, 5/24, Dominican Republic)

"Bush disgraced the U.S. this week, and set a sinister example for the world.... This is almost certainly a breach of international law.... Bush is committing a vicious injustice with an act of doubly ugly hypocrisy. The first hypocrisy is to condemn all the evils of the regime in Haiti, but refuse its victims any refuge. The second is to embrace every Cuban who escapes oppression and poverty...but repel equally unfortunate Haitians. It sets, moreover, a terrible example. It tells other countries of first asylum that they too can dismiss the most plaintive and compelling cries for help. Why should Italy accept more waves of Albanians or Yugoslavs?... The Bush policy offends against the best ideals that the U.S. in the past has defended."

(Montreal Gazette, 5/27, Canada)

"The view that George Bush must have come down with a bad dose of hypocrisy is difficult to avoid. Human rights, it seems, is worth shouting about when it involves other countries, but not when it involves one's own. The new American blanket policy toward Haitian refugees is quite simply outrageous. It is against all accepted international practice. George Bush may be leader of the world's only remaining superpower. But if he wishes to present himself as a morally acceptable leader, he had better rethink his policy toward refugees."

(Arab News, 5/28, Saudi Arabia)

"Some people attached very beautiful labels to the U.S., like 'righteous,' 'humanitarian,' 'human rights conscious' and 'democratic.'... It gets all the good names. Those people are either ignorant or are deceiving themselves. Just look at how the U.S. treats the Haitian boat people."

(Ta Kung Pao, 5/28, Hong Kong)

ENVIRONMENT

"The presence of President Bush at the Earth Summit in Rio shows that the U.S. as the sole superpower does feel an obligation to get involved with the search for solutions to global environmental problems."

(Waspada, Indonesia)

"No scientific evidence is available to lead us to believe that global warming is directly linked to carbon emissions which, fortunately, America 'the rich' is strongly questioning; and that will mean that the only superpower in the world will stand yet again by the poor against the attack from the environmental European lobby."
(Al-Sharq Al-Awsat, Saudi Arabia)

"The President's wariness is entirely justified. Of course, everyone agrees with the idea of 'saving the Earth.' But there is considerable debate not only about the degree of danger the Earth is in but the best means of improving things. Some of the means proposed by the lobbies that have dictated the summit agenda would be harmful to both national economies and individual liberties.... President Bush's hostility toward a treaty his advisers think grandiose and misguided could well force the summiteers into some practical thinking. If so, those genuinely concerned about the environment will be in his debt."
(Daily Express, Britain)

"The success of this week's Earth Summit is in jeopardy after one of its cornerstones, a treaty on preserving species, met with rejection by the U.S., which has already forced emasculation of another key treaty on cutting emissions of global warming gases."
(Guardian, Britain)

"The Earth Summit has been grounded in gloom by the contemptuous words of a U.S. President with votes to win. For Mr. Bush to pull out of the biodiversity accord, after it had been broadly agreed on and on the eve of the Rio conference, shows a quite amazing disregard for world opinion."
(Guardian, Britain)

"President Bush was moving to deflect criticism of his own contribution to the summit by announcing a plan to protect the world's forests.... This was part of an effort to varnish the President's image on the eve of the summit."
(BBC-TV, 6/1)

"The U.S. has let it be known that it will not sign the convention for the protection of biodiversity.... The text of the convention on climate is unsatisfactory, due to the U.S. refusal to set deadlines for the reduction of CO2 emissions. The hope of signing a convention against the destruction of forests has vanished due to the interests of the countries which produce valuable wood products. Now the biodiversity convention is also threatened."
(Corriere della Sera, Italy)

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PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO: NATIONAL EXPORT INITIATIVE

It's a pleasure to greet the many participants in our National Export Initiative conference. Your program title says it all: "Exports -- Generating Jobs for Americans." We're at the dawn of a new era in the world economy -- presenting exciting opportunities for American business.

Now more than ever, if we want to thrive at home, we have to compete and lead abroad. Increasing exports is one of the pillars on which we're building our economic future. Remember, every billion dollars of U.S. merchandise exports supports on average about 20,000 good jobs for Americans. Exports remain one of the strongest forces fueling our economy: Last year, U.S. exports soared to a record high of \$422 billion while our trade deficit fell to its lowest level in almost a decade.

Our Administration is working hard to open up markets and help American firms compete abroad. Two years ago, for instance, we created the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, bringing together all the expertise of the federal government in a "one-stop shop" for firms interested in exports. NEI conferences such as this have helped hundreds of companies of all sizes get a handle on new export opportunities. And I have my trade negotiators working around the clock to conclude two historic trade agreements -- the North American Free Trade Agreement linking the United States, Mexico and Canada; and a new GATT agreement to eliminate barriers to global trade.

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Trade is one of the most important issues of our time -- clearly for exporters such as yourselves, but no less vital to consumers the world over who want a better quality of life. That's why I am fighting to open markets. Free trade means more exports, more investment, more choices, and more jobs for Americans. So I'm asking you to intensify your support as we approach the end game in the GATT and the North American Free Trade talks. We need trade policies to keep growth up now and in the future. With these, and with your proven ingenuity, we'll keep America the leader that she is -- the number one exporter in the world. Thank you, and may God bless every one of you.

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