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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Q. The amendments to the Freedom of Information Act, which the Congress passed over your veto, will become effective on February 19th. What impact will they have and what steps is your Administration taking to implement compliance with them?

A. I am determined that in my Administration both the people and the Congress will get the information required to evaluate the difficult issues which face this country. While broadly supporting the laudable goals of the amended Freedom of Information Act, I had major problems with several of its provisions -- problems which prompted my veto. In particular, the amended Freedom of Information Act will place the courts in the difficult position of reviewing the confidentiality of sensitive and complex foreign policy, military and intelligence information on which they have no particular expertise. Despite the severe administrative difficulties which will also be imposed on the Executive Branch by this legislation, this Administration intends to make every effort to comply with the Act.