

Econ statement - press conf 4/30/98

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500 words

Opening statement (2:00)

GDP not partisan

Continue w/ strategy that brought

- Sov sec
- IMF

gently cautioning

little more urgent

end w/ ff on NATO - bipartisan act.  
- as sense promise of  
"Don't let the NSC write this ff" new

Take most recent NSC

Strong at home,  
Strong abroad

If we continue w/ strategy,

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- 1) Market particularly sensitive  
Though don't back away at all  
from good news
- 2) probably push for a little IMF  
"some dangers..."

Have draft quickly

One framework

- econ great, etc.  
Get latest good #'s

- steady course  
beware pitfalls

- Asia - need IMF <sup>more quickly</sup>  
- budget busting  
tax cuts  
before soc sec reform

MD:

created this prosperity.  
"Fisc. resp has spurred this growth  
What cd derail it  
is fiscal irrespons."

(he will talk specifically of IMF next day in CA)

cd under-  
mine

- plans in Cong (warnings)
- tax cuts
- balance the critical invest.



how were  
+ repaired Amer's social fabric

I am confident we can make this commitment this in a bipartisan fashion. That's how we balanced the budget, and that's how we're strengthening American leadership in the post-Cold War era. The debate over NATO enlargement has been a model of bipartisan dialogue and constructive action, and I ~~look forward to~~ <sup>hope for</sup> a strongly positive vote in the Senate today. A stronger NATO means a safer Europe and a safer America. By admitting Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to this great alliance, we come closer than ever to realizing the dream of a generation--a Europe united, democratic and ~~free~~ <sup>free</sup>

Values:

At the threshold of the 21st

~~The sun is setting on the 20th Century, but~~ America is on the rise--at home and overseas, in our economic strength and our national security. ~~We are poised to conquer the challenges of the next century.~~ <sup>overcome our divisions</sup> If we put aside our differences and work together as one nation, then our children, too, will enjoy these blessings of ~~security~~ <sup>peace</sup> and prosperity. Thank you.

I have traveled around world  
people still see Am. as a beacon of hope

[Now, as I said at the White House Correspondents' Dinner the other night, by long tradition Helen gets the first question.]