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AUDIENCE President Clinton, my name is Cecily Kelly. Yesterday, Yassir Arafat said in Palestine that he thinks the key to success in the Middle East is the commitment of Americans. Would you as President send American troops to Israel or the West Bank as peacekeepers?

BILL CLINTON Let me just take two seconds of my time because Im the Commander-in-Chief to respond to one thing that was said. I propose to spend 1. 6 trillion dollars on defense between now and the year 2002 and theres less than 1 percent difference between my budget and the Republican budget on defense. Now, on the Middle East, as you know, I worked very hard for peace in the Middle East. The agreement between the Palestinians and the Israelis was signed at the White House and the agreement — the peace treaty with Jordan, I was — I went to Jordan to sign that — to be there. But — and I think the United States can do whatever we reasonably can. I can say this; I do not believe Yassir Arafat wants us to send troops to the West Bank. We have never been asked to send troops to the West Bank. I saw the agreement that Prime Minister Rabin and Yassir Arafat signed on the West Bank. It had 26 separate maps they had to sign, literally thousands of delineations of who would do what on the West Bank, and I believe if the parties will get together and in a good-faith manner make that agreement, that theyll be able to do it if we cannot impose a peace on the Middle East. My position has always been that the job of the United States was to minimize the risks of peace. You know, if they asked me to be part of some monitoring force — as we are in the Sinai and have been since 1978 — to monitor the peace between Egypt and Israel, frankly, I would have to think about it. I would have to see what they wanted to do, but I dont believe that will be the request. I think what Mr. Arafat wants us to do is to make sure that everybody honors the agreements theyve already made. Thats why I brought the leaders to Washington a few days ago. I think they will, and I think well get there. Dont be too discouraged.

BOB DOLE Let me, Jason, come back to you a minute because there is a big difference in the defense budget. We had 7 billion this year and 10 billion more than the president. He puts his money in the outyears, and even if he were re-elected, hed be gone before anything would happen, and nothing is going to happen. We dont have modernization now. If we dont build more B-2 bombers in California and we lost about 500,000 jobs out in California, because of this devastation, these big, big cuts. We had to make cuts. We didnt have the cuts the president promised hed make and then he doubled. I think we need to go back and take a look. Were increasing defense reasonably — not too much, but we are increasing defense some — because we want to be prepared in case somebody here gets called up, Jason. I would say I didnt hear what Yassir Arafat had to say, but I dont want to — you know, I think foreign policy, I want to be very careful about, and Im not here to argue about the President with some ongoing foreign policy matter. What I want the President to do, and I think he may have done it, his last statement, call for an unconditional end of the violence

and have the parties keep on talking as they should talk and have a resolution. The last thing we want to do is commit more forces anywhere. But lets sort of keep this out of politics because its pretty dicey right now.