**Israel, PLO Sign Historic Middle East Peace Accord**

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With a few swift pen strokes Monday, the Middle East was about to change forever as President Clinton and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat signed the historic accord that will bring an end to 36 years of war between the rival nations.

Under brilliant sunshine on the South Lawn of the White House, rep.

resentatives of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed a framework agreement Monday that opened the way for talks that could lead to peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Clinton called the signing "an extraordinary act in one of the most difficult moments of history." Arafat said the agreement would "set a pattern of peace that will be the example for the world." Clinton said the accord would open the way for "real and lasting peace in the Middle East.

The dramatic tableau beneath the gleam of the White House lawn evoked hope for an end to one of history's most cruel conflicts and a beginning to one of its most difficult works of reconciliation.

In the presence of history against you, the Palestinians, we say to you today in a loud and a clear voice, clearly, loudly and clearly: "Peace," said Clinton, "is the most difficult battle of our lives. It deserves our strongest efforts. It deserves our best efforts. And it, the land of peace, you, the people of peace, have a just and comprehensive peace settlement."

The United States has diplomats in Haiti, military teams racing Vietnamese rescuers after 10 days of missing soldiers and airmen and Pentagon researchers in the Vietnamese government archives. Mon-

day the State Department agreed to provide $3.5 million in additional U.S. aid to help the Vietnamese search for the remains of American airmen.

The House Appropriations Committee already has approved $1.5 million for a project to supply prosthetic devices for Viet-

namese amputees. But we "'still haven't seen enough" cooperation in the search for the missing "to feel comfortable in lifting the embargo altogether," a White House official said.

The emotionally charged issue of the M-16s is the last remaining obstacle to peace and remains a delicate issue between the country and Viet-

nam. It is particularly sensitive for Clinton because of his record of opposition to the war and aversion of military service as a young man.

**National Performance Review Would Fix Public Housing**

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Last week Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review (NPR) took on public housing as a key target for the Clinton administration's "reinvention." In vague, sometimes opaque language, the summary report - entitled "Fare Red Tape to Results: Creating a Government That Works" - says the NPR has found that "finances, use, management and maintenance of housing projects that serve about 1.4 million families have been so mishandled that they would be closed by a board of health and the redevelopment might be more trouble than the buildings are worth."

"They're talking about getting rid of regulations and rewarding performance," and we applied that," Richard Y. Nelson, Jr., executive director of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, said.

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**The White House Report Outlines Communication 'Superhighway'**

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The administration will also authorize $1.4 billion to build a national "information superhighway," administration officials said Monday. The White House will ask Congress for $5 billion to launch a superhighway of information and communications technologies that could make the United States the "information superpower." The plan, which would expand high-speed computer networks that hook up government agencies and businesses, is expected to cost $5 billion and could create 500,000 jobs, the administration said.

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