

Memorandum on Implementation of NAFTA

December 27, 1993

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the United States Trade Representative

Subject: Proposed North American Free Trade Agreement

Having considered the relevant measures taken by Canada and Mexico, together with the recommendation of the United States Trade Representative, I have determined that Canada and Mexico have implemented the statutory changes necessary to bring those countries into compliance with their obligations under the North American Free Trade Agreement and that they have made provision to implement the Uniform Regulations provided for under Article 511 of the Agreement regarding the interpretation, application, and administration of the rules of origin. The United States has completed necessary legal procedures in accordance with Article 2203 of the Agreement.

Pursuant to section 101(b) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Public Law 103-182), I hereby direct the Secretary of State to exchange notes with the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico providing for the entry into force, on January 1, 1994, of the Agreement, in accordance with Article 2203 thereof.

William J. Clinton

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 28.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on Implementation of NAFTA

December 27, 1993

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Pursuant to Section 101(b)(1)(B) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, I am pleased to submit the attached report regarding the implementa-

tion of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 28.

Message on the Observance of Kwanzaa

December 29, 1993

I take great pleasure in extending warm greetings to all who are observing the festival of Kwanzaa during this holiday season.

While Kwanzaa has only been celebrated for a quarter century in our country, it has grown steadily each year, inviting more people to embrace their African heritage. Today, millions of people of African descent gather together with loved ones to enjoy this special holiday based on the rich cultural traditions of Africa.

At a time when we are seeking ways to revitalize our neighborhoods and empower those who have been powerless for too long, Kwanzaa encourages us to rebuild and gives us the opportunity to celebrate the strengths of the African American community. The seven principles of Kwanzaa—unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith—provide young people with the pride, direction, and inner strength to work for a brighter future.

On each of the seven days, from Umoja to Imani, I wish all those who are commemorating Kwanzaa a wonderful holiday season of hope and joy.

Bill Clinton

NOTE: This message was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 29 but was not issued as White House press release.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

December 27

In the morning, the President went to Cambridge, MD, where he went duck hunting at Tieder Farm. He returned to the White House in the afternoon.

In the late afternoon, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled to Hot Springs, AR.

In the evening, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton went to Little Rock, AR, and the President remained overnight in Hot Springs, AR.

The White House announced that the President has declared a major disaster exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia and that he has ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on August 6.

The White House announced the President will make a state visit to Moscow on January 12-15, 1994, at the invitation of President Boris Yeltsin of Russia.

December 28

In the morning, the President went to Little Rock, AR. Following a shopping trip in the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a private reception at the Old State House.

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton went to Fayetteville, AR, where they attended an Arkansas Razorback basketball game at Bud Walton Arena. They remained overnight in Fayetteville.

December 29

In the late morning, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled to Hilton Head, SC, where they attended the 1994 Renaissance Weekend.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released December 27

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the President's state visit to Moscow from January 12 to 15, 1994

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.