

Agreements, as described in section 101(d) of that Act, on behalf of the United States in accordance with article XIV of the WTO Agreement.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This memorandum will be published in the *Federal Register* on January 5.

Statement on the Observance of Kwanzaa

December 23, 1994

Warm greetings to everyone who is observing the festival of Kwanzaa.

A vibrant and energizing celebration, Kwanzaa offers millions an opportunity to embrace the rich cultural traditions of the African heritage. The seven principles of Kwanzaa, unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith, serve as vital tools in building hope and opportunity in our communities and throughout our country, and I am pleased that so many of my fellow Americans are celebrating this year. All of you can be proud of your efforts to infuse the holiday season with diversity and new purpose.

Hillary joins me in wishing all of you a wonderful celebration and a Happy New Year.

NOTE: This statement is identical to a message made available by the White House. Kwanzaa is observed from December 26 to January 1.

Appointment for Chair and Members of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission

December 23, 1994

The President today announced his intention to appoint Representative Michael Synar as Chair, and Jay Alix and Babette A. Ceccotti to be members of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission.

"I am pleased to name Mike Synar to the Bankruptcy Review Commission. Over the years, we have worked closely together, and I have a great deal of respect and admiration for him and the work he has accomplished during his 15 years in the Congress. As he has shown us in the past, he will serve the American people with efficiency and integrity," said the President.

NOTE: Biographies of the appointees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Statement on Disaster Assistance for Florida and Georgia

December 23, 1994

I am designating Federal emergency assistance today to help those communities in Florida and Georgia damaged by the recent severe weather. The people of both Franklin County, Florida, and Macon, Georgia, have worked hard to help those directly affected by the storm. As you continue with the clean-up, I hope this Federal assistance will aid in the economic recovery of both communities.

NOTE: This statement was included in a statement by the Press Secretary announcing that emergency funding will be made available to Florida and Georgia to help the States recover from damage caused by Tropical Storm Alberto.

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 19

The President announced his intention to appoint Mayor Bruce Todd of Austin, TX, and Mayor Victor Ashe of Knoxville, TN, as members of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

The President announced his intention to appoint Frank Pearl, Ronald Perelman, Jay

Stein, and Thomas Wheeler to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

December 20

The President announced his intention to appoint Noel Hankin to the President's Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Richard K. Fox and Ellen Hume to the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gilbert Carrillo to the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

December 22

In the afternoon, the President hosted a Christmas celebration for children in the State Dining Room.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ray L. Caldwell for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Burdensharing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bismarck Myrick as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

December 23

The President appointed John C. Truesdale to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board. Mr. Truesdale will serve as a recess appointee and will temporarily fill the vacancy in the seat previously held by Dennis M. Devaney, whose term expired December 16, 1994. Mr. Truesdale's term will expire upon the confirmation of a successor.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

NOTE: The Congress having adjourned sine die on Thursday, December 1, no nominations were submitted during the period covered by this issue.

The first session of the 104th Congress will convene on January 4, 1995.

**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 17

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announcing the Defense Department statement on the helicopter downed in North Korea

Released December 20

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the President's presentation of medals for service in Operation Uphold Democracy

Released December 21

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Andrew Cuomo and Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Bob Nash on empowerment zones and enterprise communities

Released December 22

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers

Released December 23

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on Libya

**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.