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The White House announced that the President will travel to New York and Florida on December 10–11.

**December 3**

In the morning, the President traveled to Akron, OH, and in the afternoon, he traveled to Chicago, IL. In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

**December 4**

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a screening of the film “Amistad” at the Warner Theater.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jose Luis Ruiz as a member of the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters.

**December 5**

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton hosted a holiday reception in the Diplomatic Reception Room.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**

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

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**

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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.

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**Released November 29**

Statement by the Press Secretary: Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations Resolution on Partition

*Administration of William J. Clinton, 1997*

**Released December 1**

Transcripts of press briefings by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

**Released December 2**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Director of Communications Ann Lewis on the President’s initiative on race

Statement by the Press Secretary on appointment of the Special Envoy to Africa’s Great Lakes region

Announcement of appointment of Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs

**Released December 3**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

**Released December 4**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling, Council on Environmental Quality Chair Kathleen McGinty, and the Vice President’s National Security Adviser Leon Fuerth on the Vice President’s visit to Kyoto, Japan, for the conference on the international agreement on greenhouse gas emissions

**Released December 5**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Canada Tony Wayne and NSC Senior Director for European Affairs Donald K. Bandler on the European Union-United States summit

Fact sheet: The New Transatlantic Agenda

Fact sheet: U.S.-European Union Relations

Announcement of appointment of four members of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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**Approved December 1**

S. 819 / Public Law 105-122  
To designate the United States courthouse at 200 South Washington Street in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Martin V. B. Bostetter, Jr. United States Courthouse"

S. 833 / Public Law 105-123  
To designate the Federal building courthouse at Public Square and Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Howard M. Metzenbaum United States Courthouse"

S. 1228 / Public Law 105-124  
50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act

S. 1354 / Public Law 105-125  
To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the designation of common carriers not subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission as eligible telecommunications carriers

S. 1378 / Public Law 105-126  
To extend the authorization of use of official mail in the location and recovery of missing children, and for other purposes

S. 1417 / Public Law 105-127  
Hispanic Cultural Center Act of 1997

S. 1505 / Public Law 105-128  
Museum and Library Services Technical and Conforming Amendments of 1997

S. 1507 / Public Law 105-129  
To amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 to make certain technical corrections

S. 1519 / Public Law 105-130  
Surface Transportation Extension Act of 1997

**Approved December 2**

H.R. 1254 / Public Law 105-131  
To designate the United States Post Office building located at 1919 West Bennett Street in Springfield, Missouri, as the "John N. Griesemer Post Office Building"

S. 156 / Public Law 105-132  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Development Trust Fund Act

S. 476 / Public Law 105-133  
To provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000

S. 738 / Public Law 105-134  
Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997

S. 1139 / Public Law 105-135  
Small Business Reauthorization Act of 1997

S. 1161 / Public Law 105-136  
To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for refugee and entrant assistance for fiscal years 1998 and 1999

S. 1193 / Public Law 105-137  
Aviation Insurance Reauthorization Act of 1997

S. 1559 / Public Law 105-138  
To provide for the design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a Center for Historically Black Heritage within Florida A&M University

S. 1565 / Public Law 105-139  
To make technical corrections to the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act

S.J. Res. 39 / Public Law 105-140  
To provide for the convening of the Second Session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress

**Approved December 5**

H.R. 1493 / Public Law 105-141  
To require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes

H.R. 2626 / Public Law 105-142  
To make clarifications to the Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996, and for other purposes