

forging a single Nation in the 21st Century out of our ever-increasing racial and ethnic diversity. By learning to talk to one another, to trust one another, and to work together in hope, we can and will come to the time Dr. King foresaw when “justice rolls down like waters.”

**Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton,** President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 19, 1998, as the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this occasion with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities and to participate in the many community service activities taking place across the country on this day.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-second.

**William J. Clinton**

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on January 21.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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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.

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### **January 10**

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a wedding reception for Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs Susan Brophy and Ambassador to Portugal Gerry McGowan at the Cosmos Club. Later, they went to Camp David, MD.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe winter and ice storms, high winds, and flooding beginning January 5 and continuing.

### **January 12**

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC.

### **January 13**

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe ice storms, rain, and high winds which began January 5.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning January 6 and continuing.

The White House announced that the President invited Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom for an official visit to Washington, DC, on February 5–6.

### **January 14**

The President announced his intention to appoint Sally Katzen as Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy. She will serve as Deputy Director at the National Economic Council.

### **January 15**

In the afternoon, the President traveled to New York City and Jamaica, NY, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President had a telephone conversation with President Soeharto of Indonesia concerning the agreement between Indonesia and the International Monetary Fund.

The President declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning January 7 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe ice storms, rain, high winds, and flooding beginning January 6 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to

supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe ice storms, rain, and high winds beginning January 7 and continuing.

### **January 16**

In the afternoon, the President met with Presidents Lennart Meri of Estonia, Guntis Ulmanis of Latvia, and Algirdas Brazauskas of Lithuania in the Cabinet Room. The four Presidents then signed a charter of partnership in the East Room.

The President announced his intention to appoint David L. Aaron and Timothy Geithner as members of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

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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.

### **Released January 12**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Barry McCaffrey on drug use and drug availability for offenders

Statement by the Press Secretary: Northern Ireland Peace Talks

### **Released January 13**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by the Press Secretary: Official Visit by British Prime Minister Tony Blair

### **Released January 14**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's confidence in Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman

Statement by Counsel to the President Charles F.C. Ruff on Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's interview of the First Lady

### **Released January 15**

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients

Statement by the Press Secretary: Agreement between Indonesia and the IMF

Statement by the Press Secretary: China Nuclear Certification

Transcript of a press briefing by the Reverend Jesse Jackson on the Wall Street Project conference

### **Released January 16**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs Thurgood Marshall, Jr., and Corporation for National Service Director Harris Wofford on members of the administration performing community service on the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday

Statement by Counsel to the President Charles F.C. Ruff on James E. Kennedy replacing Lanny J. Davis as Special Counsel

Statement by the Press Secretary: Meeting With Baltic Presidents

Fact sheet: U.S.-Baltic Relations

Baltic Charter Summary

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### **Acts Approved by the President**

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