

Director of Security Edward L. Lee, II. Their intensive investigation centered on Cyprus, but it followed up leads in the United States, Turkey, Greece, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

The investigation led to the recovery of partial remains that were identified through DNA testing (done at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology DNA Identification Laboratory) and other evidence as being those of one of the missing Americans, Andreas Kassapis. The report concludes that Mr. Kassapis was killed shortly after his capture in August 1974. The report also concludes that, although their remains could not be recovered, the other four missing U.S. citizens in all likelihood did not survive the events in Cyprus in July and August 1974.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
May 22, 1998.

Message to the Senate Transmitting the Czech-United States Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters and Documentation

May 22, 1998

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Czech Republic on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on February 4, 1998. I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaty.

The Treaty is one of a series of modern mutual legal assistance treaties being negotiated by the United States in order to counter criminal activities more effectively. The Treaty should be an effective tool to assist in the prosecution of a wide variety of crimes, including terrorism, other violent crimes, drug trafficking, money laundering, and other "white-collar" crime. The Treaty is self-executing.

The Treaty provides for a broad range of cooperation in criminal matters. Mutual assistance available under the Treaty includes: locating or identifying persons or items; serv-

ing documents; taking testimony or statements of persons; transferring persons in custody for testimony or other purposes; providing documents, records, and articles of evidence; executing requests for searches and seizures; immobilizing assets; assisting in proceedings related to forfeiture of assets, restitution, and criminal fines; and providing any other assistance consistent with the laws of the Requested State.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Treaty and give its advice and consent to ratification.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
May 22, 1998.

Message to the Senate Transmitting the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles, With Annexes and Documentation

May 22, 1998

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles, with Annexes, done at Caracas December 1, 1996, (the "Convention"), which was signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on December 13, 1996. I also transmit, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Secretary of State with respect to the Convention.

All species of sea turtles found in the Western Hemisphere are threatened or endangered, some critically so. Because sea turtles migrate extensively, effective protection and conservation of these species requires cooperation among States within the sea turtles' migratory range. Although the international community has banned trade in sea turtles and sea turtle products pursuant to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention I am transmitting is the first multilateral agreement that actually sets standards to protect and conserve sea turtles and their habitats.

In section 609 of Public Law 101-162, the Congress called for the negotiation of multi-lateral agreements for the protection and conservation of sea turtles. In close cooperation with Mexico, the United States led a 3-year effort to negotiate the Convention with other Latin American and Caribbean nations. Once ratified and implemented, the Convention will enhance the conservation of this hemisphere's sea turtles and harmonize standards for their protection.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Convention and give its advice and consent to its ratification.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
May 22, 1998.

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.

May 16

In the morning, the President traveled to Weston-under-Lizard, a village north of Birmingham, United Kingdom, where he participated in Group of Eight Summit meetings in the Weston Park estate home throughout the morning. In the afternoon, the President presented Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada with a NHL Washington Capitals jersey to wear during a photo-op as a result of the Capitals' victory over the Ottawa Senators in the second round of the NHL playoffs. Later, the President returned to Birmingham.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a dinner with summit leaders in the Pavilion Restaurant at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Later, they attended a concert in the Symphony Hall at the International Convention Center.

May 17

In the morning, the President attended the closing session of the G-8 Summit in Hall 4 of the International Convention Center.

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Chequers, country residence of Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom, in Buckinghamshire.

May 18

In morning, the President traveled to London, United Kingdom, where he attended several European Union-United States Summit meetings at 10 Downing Street throughout the morning and into the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President and Prime Minister Blair had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan concerning nuclear proliferation in South Asia. Later, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Geneva, Switzerland.

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

May 20

The President announced his intention to appoint Anne-Lee Verville as a member of the National Skill Standards Board.

The White House announced that President Clinton invited President Kim Dae-jung of South Korea for a state visit June 8-11.

May 21

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia concerning the situation in India and Pakistan.

The President also had a telephone conversation with Larry Bentz, principal of Thurston High School in Springfield, OR, to express condolences on the shooting incident at the school.

The President announced his intention to appoint Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater and his intention to nominate Sylvia de Leon, Linwood Holton, Amy M. Rosen, John Robert Smith, Michael Dukakis, and Gov. Tommy G. Thompson of Wisconsin as members of the Amtrak Reform Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint John O. Norquist to serve as a member of the Amtrak Reform Council.