

An important element in this rebuilding process will be mitigating against a repetition of such widespread destruction. An unprecedented number of the homes destroyed—11,000 in North Carolina alone—were in flood plains and therefore remain vulnerable to future floods. To address this most pressing need, I am asking the Congress to approve the use of \$429 million of the contingent disaster relief funds recently appropriated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to buy out many of these homes and relocate them to safer, higher ground.

During my visit to eastern North Carolina after Hurricane Floyd, I was profoundly moved by the resolve of the citizens of the region to recover from this incredible devastation. To support the long-term efforts of people in every affected community to reconstruct their homes, businesses, and infrastructure, assistance from the Federal Government must be responsive and prompt. Federal disaster relief programs already have provided more than \$600 million to help individuals and communities recover from the effect of Hurricane Floyd. Among other things, Federal assistance has provided temporary housing and shelter, disaster unemployment benefits, debris removal, funds to repair and reconstruct public infrastructure, and loans to rebuild homes and businesses. My Administration will continue to work with the States and with the Congress to assess remaining needs and provide further assistance.

The recent appropriation of \$2.5 billion for FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund will allow those working on the ground to continue to respond quickly and effectively. I urge the Congress now to provide both the funding that I have requested for the Small Business Administration's disaster loan program, and the additional \$500 million that I have requested, and for which my Administration will provide budgetary offsets, to provide for the unmet needs of farmers and ranchers. Together, these funds will ensure that the Federal Government continues to provide needed disaster assistance in a timely manner.

I know the rebuilding process will not be easy, but as I saw on my trip to North Carolina, the true spirit of America remains evi-

dent, with people from all backgrounds coming together when times are tough. Let us do our part and authorize the necessary funding to support the hard work being done to rebuild all of the States affected by recent disasters.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Richard A. Gephardt, House minority leader; Trent Lott, Senate majority leader; and Thomas A. Daschle, Senate minority leader. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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.

October 30

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Providence, RI, to attend the funeral service for Senator John H. Chafee, and in the evening, they returned to Washington, DC.

October 31

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oslo, Norway, arriving the following morning.

November 1

In the morning, the President attended an arrival ceremony and later met with King Harald V of Norway in the King's Office at the Royal Palace.

In the afternoon, the President met with Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel in the Holmenkollen Room II at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

In the evening, the President attended a memorial dinner honoring Yitzhak Rabin in the Grand Ballroom at the Royal Palace.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael G. Rossmann and Daniel

Simberloff to be members of the National Science Board.

The President announced his intention to reappoint Patrick D. Cannon and June I. Kailes as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

November 2

In the afternoon, the President met with Prime Minister Vladimir Putin of Russia in the Library Room at City Hall.

The President had separate telephone conversations with Gov. Paul E. Patton of Kentucky; Lt. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove of Mississippi; Mayor-elect Bart Peterson of Indianapolis, IN; Mayor Woodrow Stanley of Flint, MI; Mayor-elect Michael Coleman of Columbus, OH; Mayor-elect John F. Street of Philadelphia, PA; Mayor Edward Rendell of Philadelphia, chairman, Democratic National Committee; and B.J. Thornberry, executive director, Democratic Governors Association.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Revius Ortique to be U.S. Alternate Representative to the 54th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Irwin Belk to be Alternate Delegate for the 54th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Earl Anthony Wayne to be Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gail S. Schoettler for rank of Ambassador as head of the U.S. delegation to the World Radio Conference.

November 3

In the afternoon, the President met with Deputy Prime Minister Abdallah Saud and Minister of Defense Prince Sultan of Saudi Arabia in the Oval Office.

In the evening, the President met with former Senator George J. Mitchell in the Residence at the White House.

November 4

In the morning, the President traveled to Newark, NJ.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Hartford, CT, where he toured the El Mercado marketplace.

In the evening, the President traveled to Little Rock, AR.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol J. Carmody to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Valdis Mezainis as a member of the Enterprise for the Americas Board.

November 5

In the morning, the President traveled to Hermitage, AR, where he toured the Hermitage Tomato Cooperative Association.

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

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted November 3

Irwin Belk,
of North Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 54th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Carol Moseley-Braun,
of Illinois, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Samoa.

Revius O. Ortique, Jr.,
of Louisiana, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 54th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Bobby L. Roberts,
of Arkansas, to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information