

ought to give them a chance to come. But I think we decided to do it so late, it was just more of a logistical problem than anything else. So, no.

Q. Did you try to talk—

The President. No. No, we just explored whether they wanted to come because I was going to be there. But it was just something done, literally, at the last minute. It was originally supposed to be a ministerial, and I thought, well, gosh, I don't want them to think that I'm out there, and they're not welcome. That's all.

President's Visit to Turkey and Southeastern Europe

Q. Are you dead tired? Are you dead tired?

The President. No, I had a nice—good night's sleep last night. It was a wonderful trip for America. You know, what we did—I think we made some real progress with Greece and Turkey. I think that the pipeline that we signed is a great insurance policy for democracies everywhere, including the United States. I think the fact that we got an agreement for a new charter for the OSCE, where the Russians acknowledged the legitimacy of all nations being concerned about internal affairs within countries I think is good. I think the fact that we got an agreement on military forces in Europe which will get the Russian forces out of Georgia and Moldova, and also give them the security of knowing there are certain limits on how many foreign forces can be established in other countries, I think all those things are quite good.

So this was a big trip for the United States; long term, our security was substantially advanced. And I hope and pray and believe that we really made some progress on helping Greece and Turkey to work out their differences and moving Turkey toward membership in the European Union. That's what I hope.

Q. The Russians out of Chechnya—do you think the Russians—

DEA Practices in Mexico

Q. [*Inaudible*—an agreement to allow the agents to carry weapons?

The President. I just told this gentleman, I just got back last night, and I got back very

late, and I haven't been briefed on a lot of this. So I think, before I comment on that, I should have a chance to talk.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:50 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Jim Rieth, chairman, and Stuart Proctor, Jr., president, National Turkey Federation; and Gov. Pedro Rossello of Puerto Rico. The President also referred to Kidwell Farm at Frying Pan Park in Fairfax County, VA, future home of the turkey. A portion of these remarks could not be verified because the tape was incomplete.

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.

November 20

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled from Athens, Greece, to Florence, Italy.

November 21

In the evening, the President traveled to Sofia, Bulgaria.

November 22

In the morning, the President participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Bulgarian Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a discussion with students from the American University of Bulgaria at the Down the Alley, Behind the Cupboard Restaurant.

The President announced his intention to appoint David J. Hickton as a member of the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

November 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Pristina, Kosovo, where he attended two meetings at the Pristina Airport. First, he met with U.N. Special Representative Bernard Kouchnor and the German Commander of KFOR, Gen. Klaus Reinhardt,

and then he met with the Kosovo Transitional Council. Later, the President traveled to Ferizaj, Kosovo.

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

The President announced the following organizations as winners of the 1999 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award: STMicroelectronics, Inc.—Region Americas (Carrollton, TX; manufacturing); BI (Minneapolis, MN; service); the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, L.L.C. (Atlanta, GA; service); and Sunny Fresh Foods (Monticello, MN; small business/manufacturing).

The President declared a major disaster in the U.S. Virgin Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement territory and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Lenny on November 17 and continuing.

November 24

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton went to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rhonda Walters as a member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

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

Checklist of the 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 November 20

Fact sheet: Measures To Strengthen U.S.-Greek Relations

Released November 22

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger and NSC Director for Southeastern Europe Chris Hill on the President's discussions with the President and Prime Minister of Bulgaria

Fact sheet: U.S. Initiatives To Assist Bulgaria/Southeast Europe

Released November 23

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger and United Nations Mission in Kosovo Principal Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General Jock Covey on Kosovo

Fact sheet: Winning the Peace in Kosovo: A Progress Report

Fact sheet: U.S. Winterization Efforts in Kosovo

Transcript of remarks by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to the people of Ferizaj, Kosovo

Released November 24

Transcript of a press briefing by National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling and U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky on the Seattle Round of the World Trade Organization

Acts Approved by the President

Approved November 18*

H.J. Res. 80 / Public Law 106-105
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes

Approved November 19*

H.J. Res. 83 / Public Law 106-106
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes

* These Public Laws were not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.