

of story that inspires people from every background, all over America. In this great Nation, it is always possible for a child to go as far as their talent and vision can take them. Visitors to this place will be reminded of the great promise of our country, and the dreams that came true in the life of our 42d President. The William J. Clinton Presidential Library is a gift to the future by a man who always believed in the future. And today we thank him for loving and serving America.

God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:20 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas and his wife, Janet.

### **Remarks at a Presidential Luncheon in Little Rock**

*November 18, 2004*

Thank you all. Mr. President, thank you very much, sir. Senator Clinton and Chelsea, Mother and Dad—it works every time when I say “Mother,” you know? [*Laughter*] President Zedillo and Prime Minister Peres and distinguished guests: Laura and I are really pleased to be with you this afternoon. Thanks for such gracious hospitality. It is our honor to join in dedicating this magnificent library. The tour was fantastic. The people of Arkansas are going to love having the library here. The people of America are going to love coming here. It’s really well done.

I know many here today were involved in creating this impressive library. I want to thank you for contributing and helping. And I know many here who served in the administration that is chronicled here. All of you were drawn to the talent and the vision and the energy of President Bill Clinton.

Today we recognize the first person from Arkansas to serve as the Chief Executive of our country, the first in his party to win reelection since Franklin Roosevelt, and a leader who filled the White House with energy and with joy.

During 8 eventful years, Bill Clinton applied tremendous gifts to the service of this country and for the cause of peace, and we’re grateful for his service. Americans trusted their future to a man who deeply believed

in our future. And Americans continued to like the man that he so clearly liked.

One man’s journey from Hope, Arkansas, to the White House, the story told in this library, is an American story. It’s a story of talent recognized early and lifelong friendships and hard work that was rewarded. The boy who shook the hand of John F. Kennedy in the Rose Garden has shaken the hands of many young people and inspired them with his idealism. And this library will carry that message into the future.

Americans look to our former Presidents as elder statesmen. In the case of President Clinton, the elder statesman is about one month younger than I am. [*Laughter*] His public service came early, and his service to America has not ended. So on this special afternoon I ask you to join me in a toast: To the past and to the future of our Nation’s 42d President.

God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:20 p.m. in a pavilion at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center and Park. In his remarks, he referred to former President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico; and former Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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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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#### **November 13**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### **November 15**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, in the State Dining Room, the President hosted a lunch for newly elected Members of the House of

Representatives. Later, he met with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert to discuss legislative priorities.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jonathan Steven Adelstein to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harold Jennings Creel, Jr., to be a Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia Cushwa to be a member of the U.S. Parole Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael V. Dunn to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tony Hammond to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Albert Henry Konetzni, Jr., to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dallas Tonsager to be a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., to be a member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jay T. Snyder to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ernest J. Wilson III to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sharon Tucker to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laurie Stenberg Nichols, Edward Alton Parrish, and Charles P. Ruch to be members of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jacob Joseph Lew and Mimi Mager

to be members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate D. Jeffrey Hirschberg and Kenneth Y. Tomlinson (Chairman) to be members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

The President announced his intention to appoint John Salamone as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.

### ***November 16***

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Umar Hasan Ahmad al-Bashir of Sudan and Dr. John Garang de Mabior, Chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, to discuss the peace process in Sudan. He also had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will visit Ottawa, Canada, from November 30 to December 1 to meet with Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada.

The President declared a major disaster in Delaware and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Jeanne on September 28 to October 2.

The President declared a major disaster in Alaska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm, tidal surges, and flooding on October 18–20.

### ***November 17***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he had a breakfast meeting with congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities. At the meeting, he congratulated Senator Harry Reid of Nevada on his selection as new Senate minority leader.

Later in the morning, the President participated in a photo opportunity with Shauna Fleming, founder, A Million Thanks.

In the afternoon, the President met with members of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction, who updated him on the Commission's progress.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Mrs. Bush presented the National Medal of Arts awards and the National Humanities Medal awards.

The President announced the following recipients of the National Medal of Arts for 2004: the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Ray Bradbury, Carlisle Floyd, Frederick "Rick" Hart, Anthony Hecht, John Ruthven, Vincent Scully, and Twyla Tharp.

The President announced the following recipients of the National Humanities Medal for 2004: Marva Collins, Gertrude Himmelfarb, Hilton Kramer, Madeleine L'Engle, Harvey Mansfield, John Searle, Shelby Steele, and the U.S. Capitol Historical Society.

The President announced his intention to appoint Harriet Miers as Counsel to the President.

### ***November 18***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Little Rock, AR.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced that the following individuals will serve as the leadership of the 2005 Presidential Inaugural Committee: Jeanne L. Phillips, Chairman, Greg Jenkins, Executive Director, and Bill and Kathy DeWitt, Brad Freeman, and Mercer and Gabrielle Reynolds, Cochairs.

The President announced that the following individuals will serve as members of the 2005 Presidential Inaugural Finance Committee: Nancy and Rich Kinder, Dawn and Al Hoffman, Dawn and Roland Arnall, Marcie and Bruce Benson, Sue Ellen and Joe Canizaro, Germaine and Jim Culbertson, Marilyn and Sam Fox, Martha and Dwight Schar, and Patty and Roger Williams.

### ***November 19***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Santiago, Chile, arriving in the evening.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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

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### ***Submitted November 16***

Jonathan Steven Adelstein, of South Dakota, to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2008 (reappointment).

Harold Jennings Creel, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2009 (reappointment).

Patricia Cushwa, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the U.S. Parole Commission for a term of 6 years, vice Janie L. Jeffers.

Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 19, 2006, vice James E. Newsome, resigned.

Carolyn L. Gallagher, of Texas, to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2005, vice Erensta Ballard, resigned, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Louis J. Giuliano, of New York, to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2009, vice Albert Casey, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.