

January 23

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Maryland and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding beginning on January 19 and continuing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elmer B. Staats to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marsha M. Bera-Morris as a member of the Department of Defense Retirement Board of Actuaries.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lawrence Neal Benedict as Ambassador to Cape Verde.

January 24

In the morning, the President met with the family of former Congressman Mike Synar at St. John's Church Lafayette Square before the Congressman's memorial service.

In the early afternoon, the President traveled to Louisville, KY. Aboard Air Force One en route, he had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich on the national debt ceiling. In the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey as Director of National Drug Control Policy.

The President declared major disasters in the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by the "Blizzard of 1996," which occurred January 7-13.

The President declared a major disaster in the State of New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning January 19 and continuing.

January 25

The President declared a major disaster in the State of West Virginia and ordered Federal funds to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding beginning January 19 and continuing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas Fink to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

January 26

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia.

In the evening, the President attended the annual convention of the National Association of Hispanic Publications at the National Press Club.

**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 January 22

Mary Burrus Babson, of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of one year (new position).

Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Adviser to the President and the Secretary of State on Assistance to the New Independent States (NIS) of the Former Soviet Union and Coordinator of NIS Assistance.

Luis Valdez, of California, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2000, vice Peter deCouch Hero, term expired.

Submitted January 24

Lawrence Neal Benedict, of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cape Verde.

Joseph J. DiNunno, of Maryland, to be a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2000 (reappointment).

Ronnie Feuerstein Heyman, of New York, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2000, vice Jocelyn Levi Straus, term expired.

Barry R. McCaffrey, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, vice Lee Patrick Brown, resigned.

Robert B. Rogers, of Missouri, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of 3 years (new position).

Shirley W. Ryan, of Illinois, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1997 (reappointment).

Withdrawn January 24

Chris Evert, of Florida, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of 3 years (new position), which was sent to the Senate on June 6, 1995.

Christine Hernandez, of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of 2 years (new position), which was sent to the Senate on June 6, 1995.

Kirsten S. Moy, of New York, to be Administrator of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (new position), which was sent to the Senate on February 24, 1995.

Cherry T. Kinoshita, of Washington, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for a term of 2 years (new position), which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 1995.

Stanley K. Sheinbaum, of California, to be a member of the National Security Education Board for a term of 4 years, vice John P. Roche, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 1995.

Submitted January 25

Richard A. Paez, of California, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, vice Cecil F. Poole, resigned.

Elmer B. Staats, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2001 (reappointment).

**Checklist
of 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 January 20

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright's visit to Burundi

Released January 22

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing the upcoming visit of President Konstandinos Stephanopoulos of Greece

White House announcement on the improved White House World Wide Web site

Released January 23

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Gene Sperling on the President's State of the Union Address

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the death of King Moshoeshe II of Lesotho