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on progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question. The previous submission covered progress through September 30, 1996. The current submission covers the period October 1 through November 30, 1996.

The tragic violence on Cyprus in August and September was detailed in my last report. Sadly, included in this report is an account of an additional killing on October 13.

Nonetheless, these senseless acts need not be repeated. The United Nations has been working very hard to obtain agreement on a series of practical measures to reduce the prospects for further violence along the Island's cease-fire lines. My Administration fully supports the U.N. package. A U.S. interagency team that visited the region put the issue on its agenda and urged the parties to implement all the steps in the U.N. package.

Given the events of the past summer and fall, we are disappointed that the United Nations attempts to obtain this agreement have not yet succeeded. We will continue to press the issue with the parties. Cooperation on these steps, although modest, could have a beneficial effect on larger settlement efforts.

Although it is properly the subject of my next report, I should also note my concern about the recent decision of the Government of Cyprus to purchase SA–10 anti-aircraft missile systems and the resulting threats of a military strike from Ankara. We have forcefully made our concern known to both governments. At the same time, we remain committed to pursuing a comprehensive settlement on Cyprus. As Secretary Albright stated during her confirmation hearings: ''We are prepared to play a heightened role in promoting a resolution in Cyprus, but, for any initiative to bear fruit, the parties must agree to steps that will reduce tensions and make direct negotiations possible.''

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Jesse Helms, chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

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.

February 3

In the morning, the President met with President Alberto Fujimori of Peru in the White House to discuss Mr. Fujimori's recent visit to Toronto and the hostage crisis in Peru.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marsha Mason to the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals to the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations: Lester M. Alberthal, Jr.; Roger J. Baccigaluppi; John E. Bryson; James P. (Tom) Camerlo, Jr.; John T. Chambers; Walter Y. Elisha; Donald V. Fites; Richard S. Fuld, Jr.; Fred Krupp; Lenore Miller; Bernard Rapoport; Jerome A. Siegel; Paula Stern; and John J. Sweeney.

The President announced his intention to designate Michael J. Gaines as Chair of the U.S. Parole Commission.

The White House announced that Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada and his wife have accepted the President's invitation for an official visit to Washington, DC, on April 8.

The White House announced that the President has accepted an invitation to visit The Netherlands on May 28 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Marshall plan and to participate in the U.S.-European Union summit.

February 4

The President announced his intention to nominate Theodore F. Verheggen to the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

The White House announced that the President sent a message to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of Israel extending condolences on behalf of all Americans to the

Israeli people and the families of the victims of the Israeli Defense Forces helicopter tragedy.

February 5

In the morning, the President traveled to Augusta, GA. While en route, aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of Israel to express his condolences. In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

February 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany concerning European security issues and the future of NATO.

The White House announced the President will travel to Mexico from April 11–12 and to the Caribbean and Central and South America from May 6–13.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathryn (Kitty) O'Leary Higgins for Deputy Secretary of Labor.

The President announced the following White House staff appointments:

Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary;

Maria Echaveste, Assistant to the President and Director for Public Liaison;

Craig Smith, Assistant to the President and Director for Political Affairs;

Robert (Ben) Johnson, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director for Public Liaison;

Minyon Moore, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director for Political Affairs;

Karen Skelton, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director for Political Affairs; and

Beverly Barnes, Senior Adviser to the Chief of Staff.

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 February 4

Jeffrey A. Frankel,
of California, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Martin Neil Baily, resigned.

Submitted February 5

Sophia H. Hall,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2000 (reappointment).

Marsha Mason,
of New Mexico, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2002, vice Louise M. McClure, term expired.

Lyle Weir Swenson,
of South Dakota, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of South Dakota, vice Robert Dale Ecoffey, resigned.

Theodore Francis Verheggen,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2002, vice Arlene Holen, term expired.

Withdrawn February 5

Sophia H. Hall,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2002 (reappointment).

Submitted February 6

Ellen Seidman,
of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision for a term of 5 years, vice Timothy Ryan, resigned.