

ing, and permanent home, an adoptive family can provide the most important ingredient in a child's life—love.

This Thanksgiving week, families across America will gather to give thanks to God for the blessings we all enjoy as individuals and as a Nation. Children who have no permanent families, who are waiting to be adopted, may not have as much to be thankful for this year. At this happy time of family celebration, we must not forget the children for whom the affection of a family remains only a dream.

These children have so much to offer. They deserve our best efforts to remove the public and private barriers to their adoption into permanent, loving families. We must reach out to the many Americans who long for children to love, and we must find homes for the thousands of children who are waiting for adoptive parents to take them into their lives and into their hearts. And we must also acknowledge the unselfish sacrifice made by many birth parents to ensure a better life for their child.

Every effort should be made to inform the public and prospective parents that there are many thousands of children available for adoption. We must involve the media, private and public agencies, adoptive parents, advocacy groups, civic and church groups, and businesses. We must ask them to provide publicity and information to heighten community awareness of the crucial needs of these children and of all those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families.

**Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton,** President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of November 21, 1993, and the week of November 20, 1994, as National Adoption Week. I call upon all Americans to observe these weeks with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independ-

ence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

**William J. Clinton**

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NOTE: This proclamation was published in the *Federal Register* on November 29.

### **Message to the Congress Transmitting the Report of the Caribbean Basin Initiative**

*November 24, 1993*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I transmit herewith the first report of the operation of the Caribbean Basin Initiative. This report is prepared pursuant to the requirements of section 214 of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Expansion Act of 1990 (19 U.S.C. 2702(f)).

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
November 24, 1993.

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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 20**

In the morning, the President attended meetings with APEC leaders at the Tillicum Village Lodge on Blake Island in Seattle, WA. Following a working lunch hosted by the President, they resumed their meetings until the late afternoon.

In the early evening, the President traveled to San Francisco, CA, and in the late evening, he traveled to Pasadena, CA, where he remained overnight.

**November 21**

In the morning, the President went to the Pasadena Presbyterian Church where he met with congregation members and neighbors to discuss their experiences from the California fires that occurred in October. Following the meeting, he attended church services and the "Alternative Christmas Festival."

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Angeles and then returned to Washington, DC, in the late evening.

**November 24**

In the morning, the President went jogging with President Kim of South Korea. In the afternoon, he met with British novelist Salman Rushdie in the Old Executive Office Building.

In the late afternoon, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton went to Camp David, MD, for the holiday weekend.

**November 26**

The White House announced the President has invited seven Central American leaders to a breakfast meeting at the White House on November 30.

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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 19**

Peter S. Knight, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Communications Satellite Corporation until the date of the annual meeting of the corporation in 1996, vice James B. Edwards.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**


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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.

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**Released November 22**

Memorandum on the "Health Security Act of 1993"

**Released November 23**

Transcript of a press briefing by Director of Communications Mark Gearan and Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs Howard Paster

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the 1993 congressional session wrap-up

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on White House restoration

Announcement of nomination of six U.S. marshals

Listing of Members of Congress meeting with the President

**Released November 24**

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown and Deputy Secretary of Defense Bill Perry

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction

Announcement on the President's Thanksgiving weekend at Camp David

Fact sheet on the national Thanksgiving turkey

Fact sheet on the Chemical Weapons Convention

Announcement on the second group of award selections of the technology reinvestment program