

aviation is increasingly important in today's global economy, not only to maintain America's competitive position in that economy, but also to facilitate the flow of international commerce. As the Federal Aviation Administration works to maintain and improve the world's safest and most efficient air transportation system, Americans must continue the research and development of even faster, safer, quieter, and more efficient aircraft. We must also work to advance our knowledge of air traffic structures and required technology needed for tomorrow.

When Wilbur Wright died in 1912, his father said of him that he had "an unflinching intellect, * * * great self-reliance, and as great modesty. [He saw] the right clearly, and pursu[ed] it steadily * * *". These words apply not only to both of the Wright brothers, but to all who endeavor to apply the can-do spirit, inquisitiveness, and tenacity of the Wright brothers to the ongoing exploration of new aviation horizons.

The Congress, by a joint resolution approved December 17, 1963 (77 Stat. 402; 36 U.S.C. 169), has designated the seventeenth day of December of each year as "Wright Brothers Day" and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim December 17, 1993, as Wright Brothers Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe the occasion with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on December 15.

Appointment for a Deputy Regional Administrator of the General Services Administration

December 10, 1993

The President announced today that he has appointed Maine businessman Robert J. Dunfey, Jr. to be the Deputy Regional Administrator of the General Services Administration for Regions I and II, covering the Northeastern part of the country.

"This appointment reaffirms the commitment that I have made, along with Administrator Roger Johnson, to bringing people with sound management experience into the GSA," said the President.

NOTE: A biography of the appointee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Appointment for Members of the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation

December 10, 1993

The President announced today that he intends to appoint three individuals, Jerry MacArthur Hultin, Raymond J. McClendon, and James B. Nutter, to the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 which supports home ownership and rental housing through the creation and development of a secondary market for residential mortgages.

"Jerry Hultin, Raymond McClendon, and James Nutter all bring years of financial management experience to the task of overseeing the important work of Freddie Mac," said the President. "I appreciate their willingness to serve."

NOTE: Biographies of the appointees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Assistant Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force

December 10, 1993

The President today announced his intention to nominate Deborah P. Christie to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management; Rodney A. Coleman to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment; and Helen T. McCoy to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management.

"Secretary Aspin is putting together strong management teams in every branch of the service," said the President. "These three nominees are prime examples of that effort."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

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.

December 5

In the early morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, from Los Angeles, CA.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton hosted a reception in recognition of the 1993 Kennedy Center honorees. Following the reception, they went to the John F. Kennedy Center where they attended the Kennedy Center Honors program.

December 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Kim Yong-sam of South Korea. In the late morning, the President met with Mayor-elect Rudy Giuliani of New York City. Following the meeting, the President had lunch with business leaders. In the late afternoon, the President met with a group of Buffalo Soldiers.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton hosted a congressional holiday ball.

December 8

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Godfrey Sperling Group columnists at Blair House. Later that afternoon, the President met with a group of children from the Washington, DC, Jewish Community Center's afterschool program to commemorate the first night of Hanukkah.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald B. Lewis to be the Chair of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

December 9

The White House announced that the President and President Hafiz al-Asad of Syria have agreed to meet in Geneva in January 1994.

The President had a telephone conversation with Jacques Delors, President of the Commission of the European Union, to discuss GATT agreements.

The President announced he intends to appoint Cathryn Buford Slater to be the Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. He also appointed GSA Administrator Roger Johnson, Transportation Secretary Federico Peña, and EPA Administrator Carol Browner to be members of the Council.

December 10

The President announced that he intends to nominate Edward J. Gleiman to be a commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, and to designate him as the Commission's Chair pending his confirmation by the Senate.

The President announced his intention to appoint Peter Y. Chiu and Alan Craig Kessler to the Risk Assessment and Management Commission.

The President today made available \$60 million in previously appropriated funds to the Corps of Engineers for the repair of levees damaged in the Midwest floods.

The President today made available to the Departments of Transportation and Commerce \$31.4 million in emergency funding for highway repair in the flood-ravaged Midwest and for other disaster recovery efforts.