

I will continue to do everything in my power to move welfare reform forward in the States and in Washington.

Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Partnership For Peace

August 17, 1995

*Dear Mr. Chairman: (Dear Claiborne:)
(Dear Lee:)*

In accordance with Section 514(a) of Public Law 103-236 (22 U.S.C. 1928(a)), I am submitting to you this report on implementation of the Partnership for Peace (PFP) initiative.

The ongoing adaptation of Europe's security structures to post-Cold War realities remains one of our highest foreign policy priorities. A central element of this adaptation is the extension of NATO's zone of stability and security to include Europe's emerging democracies. Over the past year and a half the Partnership for Peace has made a significant contribution to this goal by forging new cooperative ties between the Alliance and its partners. This U.S. initiative has united NATO Allies with former adversaries and traditionally neutral states in a partnership based on respect for democratic principles, peaceful resolution of disputes, and practical cooperation. Consistent with our broad, inclusive approach to European security, the Partnership embraces 26 partner states, including Russia.

For all Partners, PFP will be an enduring instrument for forging stronger ties with NATO. For those Partners interested in joining NATO, PFP will be the path to membership.

Already, through joint training exercises and other PFP activities, PFP is helping interested Partners improve the ability of their forces to work alongside NATO's for possible future joint missions. As you will see from the attached report, NATO and its partners have made impressive progress in broadening and deepening the Partnership over the past year. We are working with our Allies and Partners to build on the Partnership's early momentum, in the shared conviction that cooperation and common action are among the best means to achieving lasting

peace and security throughout the Euro-Atlantic area.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Jesse Helms, chairman, and Claiborne Pell, ranking member, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; and Benjamin A. Gilman, chairman, and Lee H. Hamilton, ranking member, House Committee on International 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.

August 11¹

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Colvin Rhodes as Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

The President announced his intention to appoint Beth Dozoretz to serve as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gregory Lashutka and reappoint Paul Burke to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

August 14

The White House announced that the President named Donald A. Baer as Assistant to the President and Director of Communications.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia J. Beneke to serve as Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy E. McFadden as General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Phillip J. Shepherd as Federal Rep-

¹ These items were not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

representative to the Ohio River Valley Sanitation Commission.

August 15

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Jackson Hole, WY, for their vacation.

The President announced the renomination of Chester A. Crocker, Theodore M. Hesburgh, and Max M. Kampelman in addition to the nomination of Seymour Martin Lipset to the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lowell Junkins as a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gov. Zell Miller of Georgia to serve as a member of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation.

August 16

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles A. Hunnicutt to be Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs at the Department of Transportation.

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by excessive rain and flooding on August 4–6.

August 17

The President announced the renomination of David A. Brock and Joseph F. Baca to the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute.

August 18

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Minnesota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, straight line winds, and tornadoes on July 9–14.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

Administration of William J. Clinton, 1995

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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.

August 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing the appointment of Donald A. Baer as Assistant to the President and Director of Communications

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing the meeting of Angolan leaders in Franceville, Gabon, on August 10

August 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Ginny Terzano

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Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the nuclear test by China at the Lop Nur test site

Statement by Special Associate Counsel to the President Mark Fabiani on the Independent Counsel's indictments

August 18

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Ginny Terzano

Announcement of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's appointment of Special Representative for the Guam commonwealth negotiations