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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.

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 February 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry and Deputy Press Secretary Dave Johnson

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing the President's upcoming visit to The Netherlands

Announcement on technology cooperation between the White House and the Nation's Governors

Released February 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles and Director of the Office Management and Budget Franklin Raines on the State of the Union Address

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the helicopter accident in Israel

Advance text of excerpts of the State of the Union Address

Announcement of nomination for U.S. Marshal for the District of South Dakota

Released February 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, Director of the Office of Management and Budget Frank Raines, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers Joe Stiglitz, and National Economic Adviser Gene Sperling on the fiscal year 1998 budget

Released February 7

Transcripts of press briefings by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a news conference by Vice President Albert Gore, Jr., and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin of Russia

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing the President's upcoming visit to Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America

Announcement of nomination for U.S. Marshal for the District of Guam

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the settlement of the civil case concerning Anthony Lake's stocks

Acts Approved by the President

Approved February 3

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