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ments to foster regional and local ties between the peoples of their countries. They noted the Commission's important achievements in the fields of trade and investment, energy, environment, health, defense conversion, agriculture, space, and science and technology. They recognized the Commission's leadership role in carrying forward bilateral relations into the twenty-first century.

Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin expect that as the century turns, their joint initiative will result in a strategic economic partnership between the United States and Russia that will decisively strengthen bilateral ties and positively shape changes in the world economy. They look forward to a prosperous and market-oriented Russia as a full partner in the premier organizations that will define economic and trade relations for the twenty-first century. This will allow Russia to take its place among the community of nations contributing to a new international economic order where open markets and free trade foster global prosperity and the well-being of American and Russian citizens alike.

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this joint statement.

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.

Released March 13 [1]

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric H. Holder, Jr., to serve as Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice.

March 16

In the morning, the President left the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, where he underwent knee surgery, and returned to the White House.

The White House announced that the President and the Danish Government agreed to postpone the President's scheduled March 21 visit to Denmark, because of recent knee surgery. The President's visit to Denmark will take place in conjunction with the Madrid NATO summit in July.

March 17

In the afternoon, the President met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Yevgeniy Primakov of Russia in the Yellow Room of the White House to discuss issues on the agenda for the upcoming Russia-U.S. summit in Helsinki, Finland.

The White House announced that the President extended the time for Presidential Emergency Board No. 233 to submit its report until March 19.

March 18

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth M. Mead as Inspector General at the Department of Transportation.

The President declared a major disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe ice storm January 12–17.

March 19

In the evening, the President departed for Helsinki, Finland, arriving the following afternoon.

The President announced his intention to nominate John D. Trasviña to serve as Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to appoint Glyn T. Davies as the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.

The White House announced that the President asked the Congress to provide nearly $2 billion in emergency funding to meet urgent needs created by recent natural disasters across the country.

[1] This release was not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.

March 21

In the evening, the President departed for Washington, DC, arriving early the following morning.

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on March 1 and continuing.

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 March 19

James H. Atkins,
of Arkansas, to be a member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2000 (reappointment).

Kathryn O'Leary Higgins,
of South Dakota, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, vice Thomas P. Glynn, resigned.

Kevin Emanuel Marchman,
of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Joseph Shuldiner.

Richard Thomas White,
of Michigan, to be a member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 1999 (reappointment).

Submitted March 21

Stuart E. Eizenstat,
of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of State, vice Joan E. Spero, resigned.

Kenneth M. Mead,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, vice Mary Sterling, resigned.

Thomas R. Pickering,
of New Jersey, to be an Under Secretary of State, vice Peter Tarnoff, resigned.

Anabelle Rodriguez,
of Puerto Rico, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, vice Raymond L. Acosta, resigned.

Michael D. Schattman,
of Texas, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, vice Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr., retired.

Hilda G. Tagle,
of Texas, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

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 March 13 [1]

Transcript of remarks by Vice President Al Gore to the California State Legislature

Released March 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a radio address by Vice President Al Gore

Released March 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing the postponement of the President's visit to Denmark

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