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December 18

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton hosted a holiday celebration for children in the East Room.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cherryl T. Thomas as Chair of the Railroad Retirement Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint James O. DuPree, Ralph Paige, and Leland H. Swenson as members of the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture.

December 19

In the afternoon, the President met with Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz of Turkey in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate William J. Ivey to be Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Arthur H. White to serve as a member of the Federal Prison Industries Board.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

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.

Released December 13

Transcript of a press briefing by U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, Assistant to the President for International Economic Policy Daniel Tarullo, and Deputy Treasury Secretary Larry Summers on the international financial services agreement

Statement by Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin and U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky on the international financial services agreement

Released December 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Announcement of appointment of Act Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights

Released December 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Released December 18

Statement by the Press Secretary: Jackson-Vanik Waiver for Vietnam

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger and Special Representative for Implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords Robert Gelbard on the peace process in Bosnia

Fact sheet: Background on Bosnia and Herzegovina

Released December 19

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Barry McCaffrey on the President's upcoming radio address

Statement by the Press Secretary: Ninth Anniversary of Pan Am 103 Bombing

Statement by the Press Secretary: Meeting With Turkish Prime Minister Yilmaz

Acts Approved by the President

Approved December 15

H.R. 1604 / Public Law 105–143
Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act