

initiatives to promote scientifically based information for consumers on foods and dietary supplements.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain, following their meeting in the Oval Office.

The President announced the appointment of David Hobbs as Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs and Ziad Ojakli as Deputy Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Janet Hale to be Under Secretary for Management at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Clark Kent Ervin to be Inspector General at the Department of Homeland Security.

December 19

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss peace efforts in the Middle East. He then had CIA and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

December 20

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President-elect Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea to congratulate him on his December 19 electoral victory. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Senator Trent Lott to discuss Senator Lott's announcement earlier in the day that he will not seek the Senate majority leader's position when Congress re-convenes on January 6, 2003.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: The Congress having adjourned *sine die* on Friday, November 22, 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 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 38, H.R. 308, H.R. 451, H.R. 706, H.R. 1712, H.R. 1776, H.R. 1814, H.R. 1870, H.R. 1906, and H.R. 1925

Released December 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of a townhall meeting for future Department of Homeland Security employees hosted by Homeland Security Secretary-designate Tom Ridge

Statement by the Press Secretary: Iraqi Opposition Conference, London, December 2002

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3180, H.R. 3401, H.R. 3449, H.R. 3609, H.R. 3858, H.R. 4692, H.R. 4823, H.R. 5125, H.R. 5738, H.R. 2099, H.R. 2109, H.R. 2115, H.R. 2187, H.R. 2385, H.R. 2628, H.R. 2818, H.R. 2828, H.R. 2937, and H.R. 2990

Released December 18

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary commending the Federal Trade Commission for voting to create a national "Do Not Call" registry