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George W. Bush

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 23.

Statement on the Election of Senator Bill Frist to the Senate Majority Leader's Position

December 23, 2002

I congratulate Senator Bill Frist on his election to Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate. Senator Frist has earned the trust and respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I look forward to working with him and all Members of the Senate and House to advance our agenda for a safer, stronger, and better America.

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.

December 21

In the afternoon, at the White House, the President received a smallpox vaccination. Later, the President and Mrs. Bush went to Camp David, MD.

December 24

In the morning, the President had telephone conversations with selected domestic and overseas U.S. military personnel to express holiday wishes and thank them for their service.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush had Christmas Eve dinner with extended family members.

December 25

During the day, the President and Mrs. Bush celebrated Christmas with extended family members.

December 26

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

December 27

In the morning, the President had intelligence and national security briefings. He then had a telephone conversation with President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland to discuss NATO enlargement and other results of the November 21–22 NATO Summit, the situation in Iraq, and Poland's decision to purchase F–16 fighter jets from the U.S.

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 27

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.