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Kwanzaa strengthens the ties that bind communities across America and around the world and reflects the great promise and diversity of America.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a joyous Kwanzaa.

George W. Bush

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

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 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Office of National Drug Control Policy Director John P. Walters, who presented him with the results of the 2004 Monitoring the Future survey.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss the European Union's decision to begin accession talks with Turkey on October 3, 2005, the situation in Iraq, and other issues.

In the afternoon, the President met with Kweisi Mfume, outgoing president and chief executive officer, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Germany and the Slovak Republic following his meetings on February 22, 2005, with NATO and European Union leaders in Brussels, Belgium. Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany will host the President in Germany on February 23. In addition to a bilateral program in the Slovak Republic on February 24, the President will meet with President Vladimir Putin of Russia.

December 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: The Congress having adjourned *sine die* on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, 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 21

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the President's upcoming visit to Germany and the Slovak Republic

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 102, H.R. 480, H.R. 2119, H.R. 2523, H.R. 3124, H.R. 3147, H.R. 3204, H.R. 3242, H.R. 3734, H.R. 3884, H.R. 4232, H.R. 4324, H.R. 4620, H.R.