

by everyone. She lives not only in our memory but in our determination to build a better Northern Ireland for all the children of tomorrow.

NOTE: The President's remarks were recorded at 11:28 a.m. on December 18 in the Oval Office at the White House for later broadcast on RTE in Ireland. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 23 but was embargoed for release until 3:30 a.m., December 24. These remarks were also made available on the White House Press Office Radio Actuality Line. Maura Monaghan was the 3,625th victim of The Troubles.

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 20

In the morning, the President met with First Minister David Trimble of Northern Ireland in the Oval Office on the Northern Ireland peace process.

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

The White House announced that the President expressed his deep condolences and quick recovery wishes to those killed or injured in the two bomb blasts at election rallies in Sri Lanka.

December 21

In the morning, the President met with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to appoint Samuel H. Preston and Mary Lou Zoback as members of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

December 22

The President announced his intention to recess appoint Clifford Gregory Stewart as General Counsel at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to recess appoint Mark L. Schneider as Director of the Peace Corps.

The President announced his intention to recess appoint Luis Lauredo as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to designate Robert M. (Mike) Walker as Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 20

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Statement by the Press Secretary on the bombing in Sri Lanka

Released December 21

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner on tougher emission standards for cars and sport utility vehicles

Fact Sheet: U.S.-EU Joint Statement on Northern Europe

Fact sheet: U.S.-EU Statement of Common Principles and Action Plan on Small Arms and Light Weapons

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Released December 22

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

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