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The President announced his intention to appoint Peter N. Kirsanow as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

December 6

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt concerning the situation in the Middle East. Later, he had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, the President met in the Oval Office with President Jorge Fernando Quiroga Ramirez of Bolivia to discuss counterterrorism and counternarcotics efforts and trade relations.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Medal of Valor Review Board: Kermit Steven Young, Edward Cardinal Egan, and Thomas Kendall McEachin.

The President declared a major disaster in Guam and ordered Federal aid to supplement territory and local recovery efforts in the area struck by an earthquake on October 13.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New Windsor, MD, on December 8, for the departure of the first shipment of relief packages purchased with funds from America's Fund for Afghan Children.

December 7

Early in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss cooperation in the war on terrorism. Also in the morning, he had briefings and convened a meeting of the National Security Council. Later, he met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Saud al-Faysal al Saud of Saudi Arabia in the Oval Office to discuss cooperation in the war on terrorism.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Norfolk, VA, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alberto Faustino Trevino to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Policy Development and Research.

The President announced his intention to nominate W. Roy Grizzard to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Victoria Lipnic to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment Standards Administration.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on November 24 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on November 24–25.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted December 4

Samuel E. Ebbesen,
of the Virgin Islands, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2003, vice George Darden.

Grant S. Green, Jr.,
of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources (new position).

James R. Mahoney,
of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, vice Elwood Holstein, Jr.

Paul A. Quander, Jr.,
of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the District of Columbia Offender Supervision, Defender, and Courts Services Agency for a term of 6 years (new position).

Submitted December 5

Randal Quarles,
of Utah, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Edwin M. Truman, resigned.

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 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of a statement by Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge on homeland security

Released December 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Labor Secretary Elaine Chao and Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Fact sheet: Shutting Down the Terrorist Financial Network

Fact sheet: President Promotes Economic Security & Worker Assistance

Released December 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Fact sheet: The World Will Always Remember September 11

Released December 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to the Territory of Guam

Statement by the Press Secretary on the appointment of the Director of the National Cancer Institute at the Department of Health and Human Services

Released December 7

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 76

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Mississippi

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Alabama

Announcement of nomination for U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey

Announcement that Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge will lead a delegation to Ottawa, Canada, on December 11 to discuss border security

Acts Approved by the President

Approved December 7

H.J. Res. 76 / Public Law 107–79
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes