

**Executive Order 12943—Further
Amendment to Executive Order No.
11755**

December 13, 1994

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in accordance with sections 3621 and 3622 of title 18, United States Code, and section 4301 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, Public Law 103-355, and in order to improve the acquisition of small cost items by the Federal Government, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 11755, as amended, is further amended as follows: (a) by deleting the phrase “section 4082 of title 18 of the United States Code, the Attorney General” in the second paragraph of the preamble and inserting in lieu thereof the following phrase: “sections 3621 and 3622 of title 18, United States Code, the Bureau of Prisons” and

(b) by adding a new subsection (c) to section 1 of the order. The new subsection (c) is to read as follows: “(c) The provisions of this order do not apply to purchases made under the micropurchase authority contained in section 32 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, as amended.”

William J. Clinton

The White House,
December 13, 1994.

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**Message on the Observance of
Christmas**

December 15, 1994

Warm greetings to Americans everywhere during this joyous Christmas season.

The timeless story of a baby born in a manger amid humble surroundings is the fulfillment of a promise, an affirmation of faith. Jesus' birth demonstrates the infinite love of God. We celebrate the gift of His life, and Christmas softens our hearts and rekindles in us a sincere desire to reach out to others in peace and friendship.

As we rejoice in the miracle of Christmas, we reflect on the Holy Family and draw strength from their example of faith. We are reminded that the bonds between parent and child, between husband and wife, and between neighbor and stranger are opportunities to answer Jesus' call to love one another, and we are reminded that one day we will be asked whether we lived out His love in ways that treated all of our brothers and sisters—even the least of them—as we would have treated Him.

In holy Bethlehem and throughout the Middle East, ancient enemies are putting aside their differences and coming together in goodwill. Recognizing that there is still much work to be done, let us build on this success and nurture love and caring in our world, in our neighborhoods, and in our homes. With this commitment, we can all share in the fulfillment of the Christmas promise.

Hillary joins me in wishing you joy and peace this Christmas.

Bill Clinton

**Statement on the California Bay
Delta Agreement**

December 15, 1994

When I campaigned for President, I said many times that environmental protection and economic growth can go hand in hand.

Today's historic Bay Delta agreement demonstrates that this goal can be achieved. It resolves one of the most contentious and important public policy issues affecting the State of California. It puts an end to a bitter conflict that has persisted for decades.

This is a solution that serves all the people of California. It means farmers will have a reliable supply of water to grow their crops; that commercial and sport fishermen will have reliable supplies of fish; that cities in California will have consistent, predictable supplies of water at reasonable rates; and that those who love the outdoors will find places throughout northern California with fish, birds, and clean, fresh water.

Under the leadership of Secretary Babbitt and Administrator Browner, the Federal Government aggressively faced up to its re-