

Appendix A—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 book.

January 1

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation from Hilton Head, SC, with Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority to express condolences with regard to the attack on civilians by an off-duty Israeli soldier in Hebron, West Bank.

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled from Hilton Head, SC, to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, for a vacation.

January 2

The President named the following winners of the 1996 National Medal of Arts and the Charles Frankel Prize in the Humanities, which he and the First Lady will present on January 9:

National Medal of Arts

Edward Albee;
Sarah Caldwell;
Harry Callahan;
Zelda Fichandler;
Eduardo (Lalo) Guerrero;
Lionel Hampton;
Bella Lewitzky;
Vera List;
Robert Redford;
Maurice Sendak;
Stephen J. Sondheim; and
the Boys Choir of Harlem.

Charles Frankel Prize in the Humanities

Rita Dove;
Doris Kearns Goodwin;
Daniel Kemmis;
Arturo Madrid; and
Bill Moyers.

January 3

The President declared a major disaster in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and mud- and landslides beginning December 20, 1996, and continuing.

January 4

The President declared major disasters in California and Idaho and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck

by severe storms, flooding, and mud- and landslides beginning December 28, 1996, and continuing.

January 5

The President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton returned to Washington, DC, from St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

January 6

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany concerning NATO expansion and relations between Russia and the West.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alan M. Hantman to be the Architect of the Capitol.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald Rappaport to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Education.

January 7

In the morning, the President met with Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan in the Oval Office to discuss issues facing the 105th Congress.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Newt Gingrich to congratulate him on winning reelection to a second term as Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President also placed calls to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, Senate Minority Leader Thomas S. Daschle, and House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan E. Trees to the National Council on the Humanities.

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe ice storms November 19–December 4, 1996.

The President declared a major disaster in Minnesota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe ice storms November 14–30, 1996.

The White House announced that the President will meet with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan in the Oval Office on January 23.

The White House announced that the President appointed Charles Ruff to succeed Jack Quinn as Assistant to the President and Counsel to the President. The President also appointed the following individuals to the positions listed:

Cheryl D. Mills, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Counsel to the President;
Kathleen M.H. Wallman, Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Chief of Staff