objectives to reduce tensions and promote a comprehensive settlement to this longstanding dispute.

The United States wholeheartedly supports this resolution. We will take all necessary steps to support a sustained effort to implement UNSCR 1218.

I am encouraged by the cooperation and engagement demonstrated by the two sides thus far in working with the U.N. I believe 1999 can offer significant opportunities to achieve progress toward a Cyprus settlement that will meet the concerns of the parties involved. The Secretary-General's ongoing initiative is critically important to making those opportunities a reality.

Just as the international community is stepping up its efforts on Cyprus through the U.N., it is important for the Cypriots themselves to support those efforts. I urge all the parties to avoid taking any steps that could increase tensions on the island, including the expansion of military forces and armaments. This will make possible the significant efforts that I and others want to make in order to promote substantial progress toward a political settlement of the Cyprus problem in 1999.

Proclamation 7161—Extending United States Copyright Protections to the Works of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

December 23, 1998

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Section 104(b)(5) of title 17 of the United States Code provides that when the President finds that a particular foreign nation extends, to works by authors who are nationals or domiciliaries of the United States of America or to works first published in the United States, copyright protection on substantially the same basis as that on which the foreign nation extends protection to works of its own nationals and domiciliaries and works first published in that nation, the President may by proclamation extend protection under that title to works of which one or more of the authors is, on the date of first publication, a national, domiciliary, or sovereign authority of that nation, or which are first published in that nation. Section 104A(g) of title 17 of the United States Code provides that when the President finds that a particular foreign nation extends, to works by authors who are nationals or domiciliaries of the United States, restored copyright protection on substantially the same basis as provided under that section, the President may by proclamation extend the restored protection provided under that section to any work of which one or more of the authors is, on the date of first publication, a national, domiciliary, or sovereign authority of that nation, or which was first published in that nation.

Satisfactory assurances have been received that as of the date of entry into force, December 23, 1998, of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on the Establishment of Copyright Relations (the "Copyright Agreement"), Vietnam will extend, to works of United States nationals and domiciliaries and works first published in the United States, copyright protection in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on substantially the same basis as works of Vietnamese nationals and domiciliaries and works first published in Vietnam, and that Vietnam will extend, to works by authors who are nationals or domiciliaries of the United States, restored copyright protection on substantially the same basis as provided under section 104A of title 17 of the United States Code.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by section 104(b)(5) and section 104A(g) of title 17 of the United States Code, do declare and proclaim that, as of the date of entry into force of the Copyright Agreement, the conditions specified in section 104(b)(5) and section 104A(g) of title 17 of the United States Code have been satisfied in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with respect to works of which one or more of the authors is, on the date of first publication, a national or domiciliary of the United States of America, or which are first published in the United States, and that as of the date of entry into force of the

Copyright Agreement, works of which one or more of the authors is, on the date of first publication, a national, domiciliary, or sovereign authority of Vietnam, or which are first published in Vietnam, are entitled to copyright protection and restored copyright protection under title 17 of the United States Code.

I hereby request the Secretary of State to notify the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam that the date on which works of which one or more of the authors is, on the date of first publication, a national, domiciliary, or sovereign authority of Vietnam, or which are first published in Vietnam, are entitled to copyright protection and restored copyright protection under title 17 of the United States Code is December 23, 1998, the date on which the Copyright Agreement enters into force.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-third.

William J. Clinton

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Statement on the National Economy

December 24, 1998

Today we received more evidence that our economy remains solid and strong—more proof that the economic strategy we have had in place for 6 years is serving America's working families well. Last month personal income rose a strong 0.5 percent—that's good news in this holiday season and good news for our future. Over the past year, personal incomes have increased nearly 5 percent far faster than the rate of inflation.

While we should be pleased with our strong economic progress, now is not a time to rest; it is a time to build. To ensure that America's economy continues to work for America's working families, we must maintain the three-part economic strategy that has helped produce these remarkable gains. We must maintain our fiscal discipline; continue to invest in our people through education, health care, and research and development; and continue to lead the global economy.

Memorandum on Funding for the Korean Peninsula Development Organization

December 24, 1998

Presidential Determination No. 99-09

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Use of \$12 Million in Economic Support Funds for a U.S. Contribution to the Korean Peninsula Development Organization (KEDO)

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2364(a)(1) (the "Act"), I hereby determine that it is important to the security interests of the United States to furnish up to \$12 million in funds made available under Chapter 4 of Part II of the Act for assistance for KEDO without regard to any provision of law within the scope of section 614(a)(1). I hereby authorize furnishing of this assistance.

You are hereby authorized and directed to transmit this determination to the Congress and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton

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.