

## 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.*

### July 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gwendolyn Brown to be Chief Financial Officer for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeane J. Kirkpatrick for the rank of Ambassador during her service as U.S. Representative on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joan Avalyn Dempsey as Executive Director of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

### July 2

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss the situations in Iran and North Korea. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings.

Later in the morning, the President met with Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton to discuss the National Park System. He then had separate telephone conversations with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss the peace process in the Middle East. Later, he met with Randall Tobias, his nominee to be Global AIDS Coordinator.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to discuss the peace process in the Middle East.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joel David Kaplan to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald K. Steinberg to be Ambassador to Nigeria.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, mud and rock slides, and tornadoes on June 14 and continuing.

### July 3

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority to discuss the peace process in the Middle East.

### July 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. Later, he traveled to Dayton, OH.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he attended a party hosted by Mrs. Bush to celebrate his upcoming 57th birthday.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush viewed the Independence Day fireworks display on the National Mall from the Truman Balcony.

### July 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

### July 6

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush attended church services at St. John's Church in Lafayette Square.

### July 7

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he traveled to Landover, MD.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Dakar, Senegal, arriving the next morning.

*July 8*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Presidential Palace, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a welcoming ceremony with President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal and his wife, Viviane. Later, the two Presidents participated in a meeting followed by a photo opportunity with leaders of West African democracies, including President Mathieu Kerekou of Benin, President Pedro Pires of Cape Verde, President Yahya Jammeh of The Gambia, President John Agyekum Kufuor of Ghana, President Amadou Toumani Toure of Mali, President Mamadou Tandja of Niger, and President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah of Sierra Leone.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush, with President Wade and Mrs. Wade, traveled to Goree Island, where they toured the House of Slaves.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Pretoria, South Africa, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Casey Kenny to be Ambassador to Ireland.

*July 9*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at Union House, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a welcoming ceremony with President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa and his wife, Zanele Dlamini.

In the afternoon, at the Presidential Guest House, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a luncheon hosted by President Mbeki and Mrs. Mbeki. Later, the President toured a Ford Motor Co. automobile assembly plant in Mamelodi, Pretoria, and participated in a roundtable discussion on AIDS prevention with Ford employees.

In the evening, at the U.S. Ambassador's residence, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a dinner with South African and U.S. business executives hosted by Ambassador Cameron R. Hume and his wife, Rigmor.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan C. Schwab to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth Leet to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance.

*July 10*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Sheraton Pretoria Hotel, he met with U.S. Embassy employees and their families.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Gaborone, Botswana, where they participated in an arrival ceremony with President Festus Gontebanye Mogae of Botswana at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport. Later, at the Gaborone International Convention Centre, the President and Mrs. Bush, with President Mogae and his wife, Barbara, viewed Southern African Global Competitiveness Hub exhibits on trade between southern Africa and the U.S. and met with Botswanan businesspeople, including women business entrepreneurs.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush toured the Mokolodi Nature Reserve.

Later in the afternoon, the President greeted U.S. Embassy employees and their families at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport. He and Mrs. Bush then traveled to Pretoria, South Africa.

The White House announced that the President will meet with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the White House on July 14.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karan K. Bhatia to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cynthia R. Church to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Domingo S. Herraiz to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

The President announced his intention to nominate Leslie Silverman to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mauricio J. Tamargo to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States.

The President announced his intention to designate Marianne Lamont Horinko as Acting Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to designate Stephen L. Johnson as Acting Deputy

Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*July 11*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Entebbe, Uganda, arriving in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony with President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda at Entebbe International Airport. Later, at the Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel, the President met with U.S. Embassy employees and their families.

Later in afternoon, at The AIDS Support Organisation (TASO) Centre, the President and Mrs. Bush, with President Museveni and his wife, Janet, toured facilities and listened to a performance of the Watoto Children's Choir. Later, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Abuja, Nigeria, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to the White House for a meeting and dinner on July 17.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Eisner to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Constance A. Morella to be Representative of the U.S. to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on July 4 and continuing.

*July 12*

In the morning, in Abuja, Nigeria, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the courtyard of the Nicon Hilton Hotel, the President and Mrs. Bush met with U.S. Embassy employees and their families.

Later in the morning, at the Abuja National Hospital, the President and Mrs. Bush had a briefing on HIV/AIDS programs, toured laboratories, and participated in a roundtable discussion with medical staff and beneficiaries of HIV/AIDS mother-to-child transmission prevention programs.

Also in the morning, at Aso Presidential Villa, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a welcoming ceremony with President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

*July 14*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA, former combatant commander, U.S. Central Command, and his wife, Cathryn, in honor of General Franks' retirement.

The White House announced that the President will host Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on July 20–21.

The President declared a major disaster in Arizona and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by the Aspen fire on June 17 and continuing.

*July 15*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Prime Minister Vladimir Spidla of the Czech Republic to discuss the situation in Iraq and Europe-U.S. relations.

Later in the morning, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a photo opportunity with teenagers involved in the Seeds of Peace camp program. Later, he met with bipartisan congressional leaders to discuss Medicare reform.

The White House announced that the President will host the G–8 Summit in Sea Island, GA, on June 8–10, 2004.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert B. Charles to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomasina V. Rogers to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President declared a major disaster in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on July 4 and continuing.

*July 16*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he made brief remarks to U.S. Attorneys at the Department of Justice headquarters building.

Later in the morning, the President met with economists.

In the afternoon, the President participated in the ceremonial swearing-in of Office of Management and Budget Director Joshua B. Bolten.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with Members of Congress to discuss African affairs.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a reception in the Residence followed by a dinner on the State Floor for former President Gerald Ford and his wife, Betty, in honor of former President Ford's 90th birthday.

The President announced his intention to nominate George H. Walker to be Ambassador to Hungary.

*July 17*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Veterans of Foreign Wars commander in chief Raymond C. Sisk. Later, he participated in an interview with a journalist from *Leaders* magazine.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard H. Baker, Jr. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Nestor Kirchner of Argentina to the White House on July 23.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority to the White House for a meeting and working lunch on July 25.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

of Israel to the White House for a meeting and working lunch on July 29.

*July 18*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Dallas, TX, and in the evening, they returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to the following individuals in a ceremony at the White House on July 23:

Jacques Barzun;  
Julia Child;  
Roberto Clemente Walker;  
Van Cliburn;  
Vaclav Havel;  
Charlton Heston;  
Edward Teller;  
R. David Thomas;  
Byron Raymond White;  
James Q. Wilson; and  
John R. Wooden.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Joseph Grossenbacher to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter Lichtenbaum to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

The President announced his intention to designate Joan Ridder Challinor as Chairman of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Claudette on July 15 and continuing.

*July 19*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Houston, TX, and in the evening, they returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

*July 20*

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush welcomed Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

*July 21*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on June 9 through July 14.

*July 22*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with his Corporate Fraud Task Force to discuss progress in combating corporate fraud.

Later in the morning, the President met with his National Infrastructure Assurance Council to discuss progress in enhancing cybersecurity and the war on terrorism.

Also in the morning, the President communicated with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld concerning military operations in Iraq.

In the afternoon, at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel, the President made remarks at the Bush-Cheney '04, Inc., national finance committee meeting.

Later in the afternoon, the President hosted Members of Congress at the White House to discuss constituent concerns and other issues.

In the evening, the President hosted a reception for Republican Members of Congress.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kerry N. Weems to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Management and Budget.

*July 23*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with L. Paul Bremer III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq, and Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld to discuss the situation in Iraq.

Later in the morning, in Room 450 at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President made brief remarks to State and national student leaders of the National FFA Organization. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with former President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Nestor Kirchner of Argentina. Later, he met with the congress-

sional conference committee on Medicare reform.

In the evening, the President hosted a reception for Republican Members of Congress.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cristina Beato to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jennifer Young to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Legislation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael O'Grady to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Planning and Evaluation.

The President announced his intention to designate Eugene Hickok as Acting Deputy Secretary of Education.

The President announced his intention to designate Ronald Tomalis as Acting Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

*July 24*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea to discuss the situation in North Korea.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Philadelphia, PA, where he toured the Treasury Department's Philadelphia Financial Management Service regional center.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Livonia, MI. Later, he traveled to Dearborn, MI.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Michelle Van Cleave as National Counterintelligence Executive.

*July 25*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority. Later, in Room 450 at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he made remarks to 2003 Boys and Girls Nation participants.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Barbara McConnell Barrett to be Secretary of the Air Force.

*July 26*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

*July 27*

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he hosted a White House tee-ball game on the South Lawn and made welcoming remarks to the participants.

Also in the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with American cyclist Lance Armstrong to congratulate him on winning his fifth Tour de France earlier in the day.

*July 28*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to discuss the situations in Iraq and North Korea and economic development in Japan.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Pittsburgh, PA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

*July 29*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had lunch with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel. Later, he met with Foreign Minister Saud al-Faysal al Saud and Ambassador to the U.S. Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia to discuss the recent congressional report on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with a bipartisan group of Senators to discuss proposed energy legislation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Duane Acklie as a member of the Board of Directors of the Student Loan Marketing Association and, upon appointment, to designate him as chairman.

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on June 13 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, high winds, and heavy rain on July 21–22.

*July 30*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with President Hu Jintao of China to discuss the situation in North Korea.

The President announced his intention to reappoint William K. Sessions III as a Vice Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Pamela P. Willeford to be Ambassador to Switzerland and concurrently to Liechtenstein.

The President announced his designation of William H. Campbell as Acting Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Administration.

*July 31*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michele M. Leonhart to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement at the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The President announced his designation of Karen P. Tandy as Acting Administrator of Drug Enforcement at the Drug Enforcement Administration.

*August 1*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Eugene Hoagland to be Ambassador to Tajikistan.

The President declared a major disaster in North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and high winds on June 24–25.

The President declared a major disaster in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by tornadoes, flooding, severe storms, and high winds on July 21 and continuing.

*August 2*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, where he had his annual physical examination and visited U.S. military personnel injured in operations in Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

*August 3*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with members of the U.S. women's gymnastics team to congratulate them on winning a gold medal at the Pan American Games in the Dominican Republic.

*August 4*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

*August 5*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President had dinner with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and Deputy Secretary of State Richard L. Armitage.

The President announced his intention to nominate David L. Lyon to be Ambassador to Kiribati.

The President announced his intention to nominate William A. Chatfield to be the Director of Selective Service.

*August 6*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a meeting and then lunch with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and Deputy Secretary of State Richard L. Armitage.

*August 7*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and national security briefings.

*August 8*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, and other officials to discuss military issues.

*August 9*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President hosted a barbecue for Bush-Cheney '04, Inc., fundraisers at a neighboring ranch in Crawford.

*August 11*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and national security briefings aboard Air Force One en route to Tucson, AZ. Upon his arrival in Tucson, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Deborah Toland. Later, he traveled to Coronado National Forest. En route, he took an aerial tour of areas damaged by wildfire near Summerhaven, AZ.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Denver, CO, where he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Phuong Nguyen.

In the evening, the President returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

*August 12*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and national security briefings.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to the inauguration of President Nicanor Duarte Frutos of Paraguay on August 15: Anthony J. Principi (head of delegation), John F. Keane, and Robert L. Peeler.

*August 13*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and national security briefings, during which he had a video conference call to discuss the capture of Al Qaida terrorist Nurjaman Riduan Isamuddin (also known as Hambali).

Later in the morning, the President met with members of his economic team.

The President announced his intention to appoint Duane H. Laible as a member of the Arctic Research Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sandra O. Sieber as a member of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

The President announced his intention to appoint Peter Field as Federal Commissioner and Alternate Federal Commissioner of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River (ACF) Basin Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles J. Chaput, Khaled Abou El Fadl, and Richard D. Land as members of the U.S.

Commission on International Religious Freedom.

*August 14*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to the Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar, CA.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with U.S. military personnel. During lunch, he was informed by White House Deputy Chief of Staff Joseph W. Hagin of the power blackout in portions of the Northeastern and Midwestern United States and Canada. Later, he received updates on the blackout from Deputy Hagin and Deputy National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley.

Later in the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with Armed Forces Radio and Television journalists. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge to discuss the blackout. He also received updates on the blackout from Deputies Hagin and Hadley and White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card, Jr.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to San Diego, CA.

In the evening, the President traveled to Newport Beach, CA.

*August 15*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and national security briefings. He then had a telephone conversation with Secretary of the Treasury John Snow to discuss the status of the stock markets during the blackout. Later, he traveled to Thousand Oaks, CA, where he toured the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Irvine, CA, where he had telephone conversations from the Hyatt Regency Irvine with Governors George E. Pataki of New York, John G. Rowland of Connecticut, Jennifer Granholm of Michigan, and Bob Taft of Ohio and Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City to discuss the blackouts.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada to discuss the blackout.

During the day, the President received updates on the blackout from Deputies Hagin and Hadley and other officials.

*August 16*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

*August 18*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham to discuss the recent power blackout in portions of the Northeastern and Midwestern United States and Canada.

*August 19*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil to express his condolences concerning the death of Brazilian citizen Sergio Vieira de Mello, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to Iraq, who died in the August 18 terrorist bombing of the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the Baghdad terrorist attack.

*August 20*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to discuss the August 18 terrorist attack in Jerusalem. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President participated in a video conference call with the National Security Council, including Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq, and Gen. John P. Abizaid, USA, combatant commander, U.S. Central Command.

*August 21*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Portland, OR.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Redmond, OR, where he participated in a briefing on the Bear Butte and Booth fires in Deschutes National Forest. Later, aboard Marine One, he took an aerial tour of the forest fires.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Bend, OR.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hugh Douglas Barclay to be Ambassador to El Salvador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael David Gallagher to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lydia Irene Beebe, William Wilson III, and Joseph Thomas Yew, Jr., as members of the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust.

The President announced his intention to appoint Carl Michael Morgan, Jr., and Deborah Doris Wetsit as members of the President's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities.

*August 22*

In the morning, the President traveled to Burbank, WA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had an intelligence briefing. Following his arrival, he participated in a briefing and tour of Ice Harbor Lock and Dam. Later, he traveled to Seattle, WA.

In the afternoon, the President attended a Bush-Cheney luncheon at a private residence. Later, he returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gordon England to be Secretary of the Navy.

*August 23*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Pennsylvania and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on July 21 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area impacted by a statewide power outage on August 14-16.

*August 25*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah of Kuwait to the White House on September 10.

The President announced the recess appointments of Charlotte A. Lane and Daniel Pearson as members of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

The President announced the recess appointment of A. Paul Anderson as a Federal Maritime Commissioner.

The President announced the recess appointment of Daniel Pipes as a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace.

The President announced the recess appointment of John Paul Woodley, Jr., as Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

The President announced the recess appointments of David W. Fleming, Jay Phillip Greene, and John Richard Petrocik as members of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation.

The President announced the recess appointments of Juanita Alicia Vasquez-Gardner and Patrick Lloyd McCrory as members of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The President announced the recess appointments of Jose A. Fourquet, Adolfo A. Franco, and Roger Francisco Noriega as members of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President announced the recess appointments of Ephraim Batambuze and Walter H. Kansteiner as members of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

*August 26*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Minneapolis, MN. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India to express his condolences and offer assistance concerning the August 25 terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India. Upon his arrival in Minneapolis, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers Edward and Jane Bardon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to St. Louis, MO, where he met with American Legion member and volunteer James Mareschal.

In the evening, the President returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende of the Netherlands to the White House on September 3 for a working breakfast.

*August 27*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he had a video-conference with senior national security advisers.

In the evening, at the Bush Ranch, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a tour and barbecue for members of the White House press corps.

*August 28*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

*August 29*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes on July 21–August 13.

*August 30*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Before departing from the Texas State Technical College Waco Airport in Waco, TX, they greeted members of the Midway All-Stars Little League girls softball team.

*September 1*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Cleveland, OH, where he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Shirley Moore. He then traveled to Richfield, OH.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

*September 2*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Mississippi State officials who recently switched to the Republican Party.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in the presentation of the game football for the opening game of the 2003 National Football League season to be held September 4. He then met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

The White House announced that beginning September 16 the White House will be open to tours on an expanded basis to parties through their Members of Congress.

*September 3*

In the morning, the President had breakfast and a meeting with Prime Minister Jan Peter

Balkenende and Minister of Foreign Affairs Jakob Gijsbert “Jaap” de Hoop Scheffer of the Netherlands. Later, he had intelligence and FBI briefings.

Later in the morning, the President met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, the President met with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist. He then met with Republican congressional leaders to discuss the congressional agenda.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali of Pakistan at the White House on October 1.

The President announced his intention to nominate William J. Hudson to be Ambassador to Tunisia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hector Elias Morales to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Adam Rosen to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan Krouner Sclafani to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education and to designate her as Acting Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Walter Wynne to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

The President announced his intention to designate Michele Marie Leonhart as Acting Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bradley Deck Belt to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate James McBride to be a member of the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board:

Robert H. Bruininks;  
John S. Butler;  
Shirley M. Green; and  
Thomas T. Lyons.

The President announced his intention to appoint Karen S. Evans as Administrator of the Office of Electronic Government, Office of Management and Budget.

*September 4*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a signing ceremony for the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Kansas City, MO.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he participated in an interview with journalist Ron Insana from the CNBC television network.

*September 5*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Indianapolis, IN, where he met with families and small-business owners.

In the evening, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on August 26 and continuing.

*September 6*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

*September 7*

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Later, they attended a White House tee-ball game on the South Lawn.

*September 8*

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil to discuss the upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) ministerial meeting in Cancun, Mexico; and President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland to discuss the situations in Iraq and the Middle East and the war on terror. Later, he had intelligence and FBI briefings.

Later in the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India to discuss the upcoming WTO meeting and a potential

United Nations Security Council resolution on Iraq; and President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to discuss the WTO meeting.

Later, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Mikhail M. Khvostov of Belarus, Abdoulaye Diop of Mali, Raul Gangotena Rivadeneira of Ecuador, Jose Octavio Bordon of Argentina, Rastislav Kacer of the Slovak Republic, Evan Jeremy Paki of Papua New Guinea, Barbara Joyce Masekela of South Africa, Juri Luik of Estonia, and Sir David Manning of the United Kingdom.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Nashville, TN. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa to discuss the upcoming WTO meeting.

Upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Brenda Wilson. Later, he toured the Tutoring Center at Kirkpatrick Elementary School.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his designation of Robert D. McCallum, Jr., as Acting Deputy Attorney General.

*September 9*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he traveled to Jacksonville, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Daniel Trifiletti.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a briefing on educational tools available to parents and teachers at Hyde Park Elementary School.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ben S. Bernanke to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the Sixth District.

*September 10*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Later, he met with the Dalai Lama of Tibet to discuss Tibetan-Chinese relations.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Prime Minister Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah of Kuwait, following their meeting in the Oval Office. Later, he traveled to Quantico, VA, where he toured the FBI laboratory.

In the evening, at the White House, the President hosted a dinner and screening of "Twin Towers," a documentary film on the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

#### *September 11*

In the morning, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, DC, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a prayer service commemorating the September 11 terrorist attacks. Later, on the South Lawn, they observed a moment of silence with Vice President Dick Cheney and Mrs. Cheney and White House staff for victims of the September 11 attacks.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the afternoon, the President went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he visited U.S. military personnel injured in Iraq and their family members. He also presented Purple Heart awards to certain personnel.

The White House announced that the President will host King Abdullah II and Queen Rania of Jordan at Camp David, MD, on September 18–19.

#### *September 12*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Fort Stewart, GA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Nestor Kirchner of Argentina to discuss the International Monetary Fund agreement that was reached earlier in the week. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Goran Persson of Sweden to extend his condolences concerning the death of Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh. Also en route, he met with Senators Zell Miller and Saxby Chambliss and Representatives Jack Kingston and Max Burns of Georgia.

In the afternoon, at Fort Stewart, the President presented the Presidential Unit Citation to the 3d Infantry Division of the U.S. Army.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Jackson, MS. Later, he traveled to Houston, TX.

In the evening, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will visit the United Nations in New York on September 23–24 to address the General Assembly on the opening day of the General Debate, and that he will meet with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Foreign Minister Julian Hunte of Saint Lucia, who is the incoming General Assembly President, and other foreign leaders.

The White House announced that the President will host President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya for a state visit on October 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert L. Crandall, Louis S. Thompson, and Floyd Hall to be members of the Amtrak Reform Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gracia M. Hillman and Raymundo Martinez III to be members of the Election Assistance Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Wayne Anderson to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate W. Robert Pearson to be Director General of Foreign Service, and to appoint him as Chairman of the Board of the Foreign Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Read Van de Water to be a member of the National Mediation Board.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on July 21 through August 18.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on July 21 through August 18.

#### *September 13*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### *September 14*

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

#### *September 15*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Monroe,

MI, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Claire Jennings. Later, he toured the Detroit Edison Powerplant.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Drexel Hill, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer David Richman.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome President Vladimir Putin of Russia and Mrs. Putin to Camp David, MD, on September 26–27.

#### *September 16*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the situation in Iraq. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he participated in a roundtable interview with regional media.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with musician and activist Bono to discuss U.S. contributions to AIDS relief in Africa.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in a roundtable discussion on the Clear Skies Initiative legislation with State, local, and community leaders.

Later in the afternoon, in the Residence, the President hosted Republican Senators.

The White House announced that the President has invited President Nicanor Duarte Frutos of Paraguay to meet with him at the White House on September 26.

#### *September 17*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and then met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President had a briefing on Hurricane Isabel.

In the afternoon, the President met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the evening, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Benjamin A. Gilman to be U.S. Representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ann M. Corkery and Walid Maalouf

to be U.S. Alternate Representatives to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Cabaniss to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roderick R. Paige and Louise V. Oliver to be U.S. Representatives to the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bernice Phillips to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kirk Van Tine to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

#### *September 18*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush welcomed King Abdullah II and Queen Rania of Jordan to Camp David for an overnight visit.

The President declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

#### *September 19*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Maryland and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

#### *September 20*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in the District of Columbia and ordered Federal aid to supplement the District's recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Delaware and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area

struck by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

*September 21*

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

*September 22*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Special Presidential Envoy for Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad. He then met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Li Zhaoxing of China to discuss the situation in North Korea.

Later in the morning, the President met with Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel R. Martinez, Deputy Education Secretary Eugene Hickok, Deputy Veterans Affairs Secretary Leo S. Mackay, Jr., Assistant Attorney General Daniel J. Bryant, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services Claude A. Allen, USA Freedom Corps Director John Bridgeland, and Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Director Harry James "Jim" Towey to discuss his Faith-Based Initiative.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Richmond, VA, where he toured the Temporary Virginia Emergency Operations Center at the Virginia State Police Academy. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Zalmay Khalilzad to be Ambassador to Afghanistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Raymond Simon to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cynthia Boich, Dorothy A. Johnson, and Henry Lozano to be members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

*September 23*

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to New York City. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, at the United Nations Headquarters, the President met with U.N. General Assembly President Julian Hunte.

In the afternoon, at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, the President met with President Jacques Chirac of France. Later, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, he met separately with

President Megawati Sukarnoputri of Indonesia, King Mohamed VI of Morocco, and President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan.

The White House announced that the President will host President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi of Italy for a meeting and working luncheon on November 14.

*September 24*

In the morning, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a breakfast meeting with Caribbean leaders, including Prime Minister Perry Christie of the Bahamas, Prime Minister Keith Mitchell of Grenada, President Bharrat Jagdeo of Guyana, and Prime Minister Kenny Davis Anthony of Saint Lucia.

Later in the morning, the President had separate meetings with President John Agyekum Kufuor of Ghana, President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, President Joaquim Alberto Chissano of Mozambique, and Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared an emergency in Michigan and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area impacted by that power outage that occurred August 14–17.

The President declared an emergency in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area impacted by the power outage that occurred on August 14–17.

The President declared an emergency in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area impacted by the power outage that occurred on August 14–17.

The President declared a major disaster in Delaware and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Henri on September 15.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

*September 25*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

The White House announced that the President will make a state visit to the United Kingdom on November 18–21.

*September 26*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met separately with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Nicanor Duarte Frutos of Paraguay.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD, where they hosted President Vladimir Putin of Russia and his wife, Lyudmila Putin, for an overnight visit.

*September 27*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that on September 26 the President declared a major disaster in Pennsylvania and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storms Henri and Isabel and related severe storms and flooding on September 15–23.

*September 29*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President met with congregational rabbis.

*September 30*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he traveled to Chicago, IL.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Cincinnati, OH, where, in the evening, he attended a Bush-Cheney '04 reception at a private residence.

Later in the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

*October 1*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Alvaro Uribe of Colombia.

In the afternoon, the President had a briefing at the Department of Homeland Security.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with members of the International Space Station Expedition 6 crew and NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary Kramer to be Ambassador to Barbados and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles A. Calhoun as Commissioner of the Pecos River Commission for New Mexico and Texas.

The President announced his intention to appoint Maria Pilar Aristigueta as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science:

Jose Antonio Aponte;  
Sandra Frances Ashworth;  
Edward Louis Bertorelli;  
Carol L. Diehl;  
Allison Druin;  
Beth Fitzsimmons;  
Patricia M. Hines;  
Colleen Ellen Huebner;  
Stephen M. Kennedy;  
Herman Lavon Totten;  
Bridget L. Lamont; and  
Mary H. Perdue.

*October 2*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward Baxter O'Donnell for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues.

The President announced his intention to designate Rita E. Hauser as a member of the Intelligence Oversight Board, a standing committee of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

*October 3*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he traveled to Milwaukee, WI.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the National Book Festival Gala at the Library of Congress.

The President announced his intention to nominate James B. Comey to be Deputy Attorney General.

*October 4*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

*October 6*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the South Lawn, he participated in a state arrival ceremony for President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya and his wife, Lucy.

In the afternoon, the President met with U.S. officials returning from Iraq to discuss reconstruction efforts there. Later, he met with former Senator John C. Danforth, Special Envoy for Peace in the Sudan, to discuss peace efforts in that country.

In the evening, in the Cross Hall, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with President Kibaki and Mrs. Kibaki. Later, in the State Dining Room, they hosted a state dinner for President and Mrs. Kibaki.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jon Robert Purnell to be Ambassador to Uzbekistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas Riley to be Ambassador to Morocco.

The President announced his intention to designate Brian Carlton Roseboro as Acting Under Secretary of the Treasury (Domestic Finance).

*October 7*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart Ishimaru to be a member of

the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the U.S. Section of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission:

Jose Manual de la Rosa;  
Lawrence Edward Kline;  
Tom G. Lindsey II; and  
Emma Torres.

*October 8*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger of California to congratulate him on his October 7 election victory.

Also in the afternoon, the President met with Republican Members of Congress to discuss proposed legislation on reconstruction aid to Iraq.

The White House announced that the President will attend the APEC Leaders' Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, on October 20–21, and that he has accepted invitations from Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to visit Japan on October 17–18, from Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong to visit Singapore on October 21–22, from President Megawati Sukarnoputri to visit Indonesia on October 22, and from Prime Minister John Howard to visit Australia on October 22–23.

The President announced his intention to nominate April Hoxie Foley to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gary Lee Visscher to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his appointment of Kristen Lee Silverburg as Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced his intention to appoint William O. DeWitt, Jr., as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

*October 9*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Portsmouth, NH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Cathy Rice.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Manchester, NH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Robert Perkins.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Lexington, KY.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

#### *October 10*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with members of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, who presented him with the fourth annual report of the Commission.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

#### *October 11*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### *October 12*

During the day, the President returned to Washington, DC.

#### *October 13*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in interviews with regional television stations.

#### *October 14*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and later met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President participated in television and radio interviews with Asian journalists. He also dropped by a meeting between Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, Office of Management and Budget Director Joshua B. Bolten, and other officials and bipartisan Senators to discuss proposed legislation concerning reconstruction aid to Iraq.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to celebrations on October 16–20 at the Vatican in Rome, Italy, marking the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's pontificate and the beatification of Mother Teresa:

Columba Bush (head of delegation);  
Jim Nicholson;

Jim Towey;  
Mary Ellen Bork;  
Frances Winfield Bremer;  
Joseph C. Canizaro;  
Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, SV;  
Raymond L. Flynn;  
Mary Ann Glendon;  
Deal W. Hudson;  
John M. Klink;  
Sister Mary Rose McGeady, DC;  
Peggy Noonan;  
Kate O'Beirne; and  
Gabrielle Reynolds.

#### *October 15*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Dinuba, CA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fresno, CA. Later, he traveled to Riverside, CA.

The President announced the nomination of Robert McFarland to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology.

The President announced the nomination of Susan Johnson Grant to be Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Energy.

The President announced the nomination of Marguerita Dianne Ragsdale to be Ambassador to Djibouti.

The President announced the nomination of Margaret Scobey to be Ambassador to Syria.

The President announced the nomination of Margaret DeBardeleben Tutwiler to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

The President announced the nomination of Drew R. McCoy to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to designate Jeffrey E. Phillips as Acting Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.

#### *October 16*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger of California and then traveled with him to San Bernardino, CA.

Later in the morning, the President returned to Riverside. Later, he was joined by Mrs. Bush at March Air Reserve Base, and they then traveled to Tokyo, Japan, arriving in the afternoon of October 17.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ion Iliescu of Romania to the White House on October 28.

The President announced his intention to nominate Timothy J. Dunn for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure as Deputy Permanent Representative of the U.S. Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States.

The President announced his intention to nominate Adam Marc Lindemann to be a member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to nominate James C. Struble to be Ambassador to Peru.

#### *October 17*

In the evening, the President met with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan at Akasaka Palace. Later, also at Akasaka Palace, he and Mrs. Bush had dinner with Prime Minister Koizumi.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart Holliday to be Alternate Representative of the U.S. for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

#### *October 18*

In the morning, at the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Tokyo, Japan, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Manila, Philippines, where they greeted U.S. Embassy personnel and members of the American community at the Embassy.

In the afternoon, at the Rizal Monument, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a wreath-laying ceremony with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines. Later, at Malacanang Palace, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a welcoming ceremony with President Macapagal-Arroyo and her husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo. The two Presidents then had a meeting.

In the evening, in the Ceremonial Hall at Malacanang Palace, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a state dinner hosted by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

#### *October 19*

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Bangkok, Thailand. Later, at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok, he met with Prime Minister Thaksin Chinnawat of Thailand.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a review of Thai troops recently returned

from Afghanistan. Later, he and Mrs. Bush toured the Grand Palace.

Later in the afternoon, at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok, the President met with President Hu Jintao of China.

In the evening, at the Grand Palace, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a state dinner hosted by King Phumiphon Adunyadet and Queen Sirikit of Thailand.

#### *October 20*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok, he had a breakfast meeting with President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea. He then met with President Vicente Fox of Mexico.

In the afternoon, at the Government House, the President participated in the first session of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Retreat. Later, he attended an APEC Business Advisory Council reception.

In the evening, at the Grand Palace, the President and Mrs. Bush and other APEC leaders and their spouses had an audience with King Phumiphon Adunyadet and Queen Sirikit of Thailand. Later, the President participated in a photo opportunity with APEC leaders.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the APEC leaders' gala dinner at the Royal Thai Navy Conference Hall and a cultural performance at the Royal Thai Navy Institute.

The President announced his intention to nominate James M. Strock to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

#### *October 21*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Old Parliament Building, he participated in a photo opportunity with APEC leaders and the second session of the APEC Leaders' Retreat.

In the afternoon, he attended a reception for APEC leaders.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Singapore.

In the evening, the President greeted U.S. Embassy personnel at the Shangri-La Singapore Hotel. Later, at the Istana, he paid a courtesy call on President Sellapan Rama Nathan of Singapore and his wife, Urmila Nandey. Then,

also at the Istana, he met with Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong of Singapore.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward McPherson to be Under Secretary of Education.

#### October 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Bali, Indonesia, where, at Bali International Airport, he met with President Megawati Sukarnoputri of Indonesia.

In the afternoon, at the airport, the President met with religious leaders. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Canberra, Australia.

The President announced the laureates of the 2002 National Medals of Science and National Medals of Technology, which will be presented at a White House ceremony on November 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol Kinsley to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

#### October 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush paid a courtesy call on Governor-General Michael Jeffery of Australia and his wife, Marlena, at Australia's Government House.

Later in the morning, at Australia's Parliament House, the President met with Prime Minister John Howard of Australia.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Australian War Memorial.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Hickam Air Force Base on the island of Oahu, HI, crossing the international date line and arriving Thursday morning, October 23.

Upon arriving at Hickam Air Force Base, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted Gov. Linda Lingle and Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona of Hawaii, U.S. military leaders, and National Park Service volunteer Hilma Chang.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Pearl Harbor, where they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the U.S.S. *Arizona* (BB-39) Memorial and met with eight survivors of the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Later, aboard the U.S.S. *Missouri*, the President participated in a briefing by Adm. Thomas Boulton Fargo, USN, combatant commander, U.S. Pacific Command. He then toured

the U.S.S. *Missouri* and greeted veterans and former *Missouri* crewmembers. Later, he and Mrs. Bush visited second-grade students at Pearl Harbor Elementary school.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Honolulu, HI, where, at the Kahala Mandarin Oriental Hotel, he attended a Hawaii Republican Party reception. Later, he met with delegates of 13 Pacific Island nations attending the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush departed for Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate James M. Loy to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security and to designate him as Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

#### October 24

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush arrived in Washington, DC. Later in the day, they traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe of Sri Lanka to the White House on November 4.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Joseph Kabila of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the White House on November 5.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Rolandas Paksas of Lithuania to the White House on December 8.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission:

Ralph F. Archbold;  
Wayne A. Budd;  
John Anderson Fry;  
Charles R. Gerow;  
Judith Rodin; and  
Jeffrey L. Sedgwick.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward E. Kaufman, Fayza Veronique Boulad Rodman, and Steven J. Simmons to be members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the ceremony commemorating the 20th anniversary of the restoration of democracy to Grenada in St. George's:

Otto J. Reich (head of delegation);  
Marcia Bernicat;  
Adm. Joseph Metcalf III;  
Langhorne Anthony Motley; and  
Ken Tomlinson.

*October 25*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

*October 26*

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

*October 27*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Arnold I. Havens to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by wildfires on October 21 and continuing.

*October 28*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Ion Iliescu of Romania.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with economic advisers.

The White House announced that the President will host NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson for a meeting and working luncheon on November 12.

*October 29*

In the morning, the President had a breakfast meeting with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay to discuss legislative priorities. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He then met with the National Security Council and later with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, in Room 472 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President participated in a roundtable discussion on Medicare with Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson, AARP President James G. Parkel, and a group of senior citizens.

In the afternoon, on the South Steps, the President participated in a photo opportunity with White House interns. Later, he traveled to Dallas, TX, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Laura Wheat.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

*October 30*

In the morning, the President traveled to Columbus, OH. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had an intelligence briefing. Upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Leslie Gagne.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to San Antonio, TX, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Thom Ricks.

In the evening, the President returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

*October 31*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to discuss reconstruction in Afghanistan and Iraq. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Samuel Wright Bodman to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eugene Welch Hickok, Jr., to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Brian Carlton Roseboro to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance.

*November 1*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Southaven, MS, and then to Paducah, KY.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to London, KY, and later to Gulfport, MS.

In the evening, the President returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

*November 3*

In the morning, the President traveled to Birmingham, AL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had an intelligence briefing. Upon arrival in Birmingham, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Jason Nabors. Later, he met with small-business owners at CraneWorks.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced his intention to nominate Francis Joseph Harvey to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Douglas Buttrey and Francis Patrick Mulvey to be members of the Surface Transportation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gordon Hall Mansfield to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Hossein Safavian to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy at the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laurie Susan Fulton to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace.

#### *November 4*

In the morning, the President traveled to Miramar, CA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had an intelligence briefing. Upon arrival at the Marine Corps Air Station, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Suellen Mayberry.

Later in the morning, the President, joined by Governor Gray Davis and Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger of California, California Department of Forestry Division Chief Bill Clayton, and Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response Mike Brown, took an aerial tour of the San Diego area affected by wildfires. Later, he participated in a walking tour of the Harbison Canyon community damaged by wildfires. He then traveled to El Cajon, CA, where, at Gillespie Field, he participated in a briefing by area fire chiefs on the wildfires.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President had separate telephone conversations with Governors-elect Haley Barbour of Mississippi and Ernie Fletcher of Kentucky to congratulate them on their electoral victories earlier in the day.

#### *November 5*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Joseph Kabila of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe of Sri Lanka to discuss peace efforts in Sri Lanka and free trade.

In the afternoon, the President met with Polish philosopher and writer Leszek Kolakowski to congratulate him on winning the John W. Kluge Prize in Human Sciences.

#### *November 6*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kiron Kanina Skinner to be a member of the National Security Education Board.

#### *November 7*

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Carlos Diego Mesa Gisbert of Bolivia to discuss democracy in Bolivia, President Mesa's plans for a national referendum on Bolivian natural gas resources, and cooperation in counternarcotics efforts; President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain to discuss the situation in Iraq and transatlantic relations; and President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland to express his condolences concerning the death of a Polish officer in Iraq on November 6 and to discuss other issues.

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Winston-Salem, NC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Brian Koontz.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Morrison Combs to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation and, upon confirmation, to designate her as Chief Financial Officer.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven J. Law to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Robinson West to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area

struck by severe storms and flooding on October 15–23.

*November 8*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

*November 9*

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

*November 10*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Little Rock, AR, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Dr. Michael Quick.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Greer, SC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Robin Longino and high school athlete Ben Comen. Later, he traveled to Greenville, SC.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will award the Medal of Freedom to NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson in a ceremony at the White House on November 12.

The President announced his intention to appoint Patrick Marshall Hughes to be Assistant Secretary for Information Analysis at the Department of Homeland Security.

*November 11*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in an Oval Office ceremony, he signed the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Arlington, VA, where they participated in a Veterans Day wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. In the afternoon, they returned to Washington, DC.

Later in the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President signed the National Cemetery Expansion Act.

*November 12*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a National Security Council meeting. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and L. Paul Bremer III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq. Later,

in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael O. Leavitt and members of Mr. Leavitt's family.

Later in the morning, the President met with NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in the presentation of the National Medal of Arts awards.

*November 13*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Orlando, FL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to express his condolences to the families of the Italians killed in the suicide bombing in Nasiriyah, Iraq, on November 12 and to discuss reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Europe-U.S. relations. Upon arrival in Orlando, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Matilda Walther.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fort Myers, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Mark Asperilla.

In the evening, the President attended a Bush-Cheney '04 reception at a private residence. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rhonda Newman Keenum to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Campbell Mulford to be Ambassador to India.

*November 14*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Mrs. Bush participated in the presentation of the National Humanities Medal awards.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi of Italy. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

*November 15*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to express condolences for

the terrorist attacks in Istanbul earlier in the day.

*November 16*

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

*November 17*

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he participated in a photo opportunity with 2003 Nobel laureates.

The President announced his intention to nominate Glyn Townsend Davies for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Political Director for the U.S. Presidency of the G-8.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Douglas Buttrey and Francis Patrick Mulvey to be members of the Surface Transportation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Curtis Oberwetter to be Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gay Hart Gaines to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

*November 18*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to London, United Kingdom, arriving in the evening at Heathrow Airport, where they participated in a greeting with Charles, Prince of Wales.

In the evening, at Buckingham Palace, the President and Mrs. Bush were welcomed privately by Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who escorted them to their suite in the palace, their residence during their visit to London.

*November 19*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a welcoming ceremony with Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Later, in the Bow Room of Buckingham Palace, they participated in the presentation of delegations and then viewed the royal collection of American memorabilia in the Picture Gallery.

In the afternoon, at the American Embassy, the President and Mrs. Bush met with family members of British victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Later, the President

met with U.S. Embassy employees and their family members.

Later in the afternoon, at Buckingham Palace, the President met separately with Conservative Party leader Michael Howard and Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joey Russell George to be Inspector General for Tax Administration at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences:

Jonathan Baron;  
Elizabeth Ann Bryan;  
James R. Davis;  
Robert C. Granger;  
Frank Philip Handy;  
Eric Alan Hanushek;  
Caroline M. Hoxby;  
Gerald Lee;  
Roberto Ibarra Lopez;  
Richard James Milgram;  
Sally Epstein Shaywitz;  
Joseph K. Torgesen; and  
Herbert John Walberg.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sara Gear Boyd, Maria Elena Lagomasino, and Donald L. Pilling as members of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President announced his intention to designate James B. Comey as Acting Deputy Attorney General.

*November 20*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at Westminster Abbey, he participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, followed by a tour of the abbey. He then met with families of British servicemembers who died in Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and his wife, Cherie, at 10 Downing St., the Prime Minister's official residence. The President and Prime Minister Blair then had a meeting and a working lunch and later participated in a roundtable discussion on HIV/AIDS.

Later in the afternoon, at 10 Downing St., the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a visit with Prime Minister Blair and his family.

In the evening, at Winfield House, the U.S. Ambassador's residence, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a reciprocal dinner for Queen Elizabeth II; Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; and Charles, Prince of Wales.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald Edward Meisburg to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart Wadlington Holliday to be an Alternate U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly during his tenure of service as Alternate U.S. Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

#### *November 21*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a farewell ceremony with Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. They then traveled to Sedgfield, United Kingdom. While en route aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to express condolences for the November 20 terrorist attacks in Istanbul. In Sedgfield, the President and Mrs. Bush had tea with Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair at their home, Myrobella House.

In the afternoon, at the Dun Cow Inn, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair and a group of the Prime Minister's constituents. Later, the President and Prime Minister Blair met with teachers and students and viewed an athletic display at Sedgfield Community College.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush departed for Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jaymie Alan Durnan to be Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment).

The President announced his intention to nominate Lawrence Thomas Di Rita to be Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Hurley McKinney to be a member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sanford Gottesman, Diane M. Ruebling, and C. William Swank to be members

of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President declared a major disaster in Puerto Rico and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, mudslides, and landslides on November 10 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and landslides on November 11 and continuing.

#### *November 22*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### *November 24*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Colorado Springs, CO. Upon his arrival in the afternoon at Peterson Air Force Base, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Diane Campbell. He then traveled to Fort Carson, CO, where he had lunch with members of the U.S. military.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Peterson Air Force Base and met with families of U.S. servicemembers who died in Iraq. He then traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

#### *November 25*

In the morning, the President traveled to Las Vegas, NV. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had an intelligence briefing. Upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Maria Konold-Soto. Later, at Spring Valley Hospital, he met with health care professionals and seniors to discuss Medicare and medical liability reform.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Phoenix, AZ, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Maybelle Harris. Later, at the Los Olivos Senior Center, he met with seniors to discuss Medicare reform.

In the evening, the President returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dennis C. Shea to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Policy, Development, and Research.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark J. Warshawsky to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger W. Wallace to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jack Edwin McGregor and Scott Kevin Walker to be members of the Advisory Board of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

The President announced the appointment of James R. Wilkinson as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Communications.

The President announced the appointment of Sean McCormack as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director of the National Security Council Press Office.

#### *November 26*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with interim President Nino Burjanadze of Georgia to discuss political reforms in Georgia. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President traveled to Baghdad, Iraq, arriving the following afternoon.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Premier Wen Jiabao of China to the White House for an official visit on December 9.

#### *November 27*

In the late afternoon, at Baghdad International Airport, the President had Thanksgiving dinner with members of the U.S. military stationed in Baghdad. Later, he met with four members of the Iraqi Governing Council and then senior U.S. military personnel stationed in Baghdad.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, arriving early the next morning.

#### *November 28*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### *November 29*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### *November 30*

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

#### *December 1*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Detroit, MI, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bradley Simmons. He then traveled to Dearborn, MI.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Canton, MI. Later, he traveled to Newark, NJ, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Patricia Fields. He then traveled to Whippany, NJ.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate M. Teel Bivins to be Ambassador to Sweden.

#### *December 2*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss peace efforts in the Middle East and the situation in Iraq. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Pittsburgh, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Mila Nguyen.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President informed Robert L. Bartley that he would receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

#### *December 3*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President signed the 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act. Later, he met with the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President hosted a holiday reception.

The White House announced that the President will meet with King Abdullah II of Jordan at the White House on December 4.

The President announced his intention to nominate B. Francis Saul II and Ruth Sharp Altschuler to be members of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Arturo Duran as Commissioner of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico.

The President announced his intention to appoint Victor Rodriguez and Bray Bruce Barnes as members of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

*December 4*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the situation in Iraq and the NATO Alliance. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Eva Nowotny of Austria, Feturi Elisaia of Samoa, Euripides L. Evriviades of Cyprus, Abdulaziz Kamilov of Uzbekistan, Said Tayeb Jawad of Afghanistan, Salvador Stadthagen of Nicaragua, Bayney Karran of Guyana, and Mikhailo Reznyk of Ukraine.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the Pageant of Peace on the Ellipse.

*December 5*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Mireya Elisa Moscoso of Panama to discuss a possible Panama-U.S. free trade agreement. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Baltimore, MD.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Halethorpe, MD. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

Later in the afternoon, in the Residence, the President participated in an interview with People magazine.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President hosted a holiday dinner.

The White House announced the members of the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico's Status:

Gilbert G. Gonzalez, Jr.;  
Elizabeth Dial;  
Victor E. Bernson, Jr.;  
Kathleen Leos;  
Theresa Speake;  
Regina Schofield;  
Joshua Filler;  
Frank Jimenez;  
David P. Smith;  
Noel J. Francisco;  
Chris Spear;  
Leo DiBenigno;

Sam Reid;  
Tony Fratto;  
William McLemore; and  
Ruben Barrales.

*December 6*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

*December 8*

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Umar Hasan Ahmad al-Bashir of Sudan and Sudan People's Liberation Movement Chairman Dr. John Garang to discuss the Sudan peace process. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President made a surprise drop-by visit during Mrs. Bush's interview with Larry King of CNN.

In the afternoon, the President met with Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snow, Postmaster General John E. Potter, and members of the President's Commission on the U.S. Postal Service to discuss postal reform. Later, on the State Floor, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a Christmas reception and program for children of U.S. military personnel.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President hosted the Congressional Ball.

*December 9*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Premier Wen Jiabao of China. Later in the morning, in the Cabinet Room, the President and Premier Wen met with U.S. and Chinese economic officials to discuss economic and trade issues.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with Premier Wen. Later, in Room 450 at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he dropped by a meeting between National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and the U.S.-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum to discuss the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

In the evening, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a joint performance by the National Symphony Orchestra and the Iraqi National Symphony Orchestra.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lisa Marie Kruska to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Public Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald Lee Korb to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Scott Jepson, Jr., Paul Byron Jones, and Charles Leon Kolbe to be members of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert A. Martinez as a member of the Board of Governors of the United Service Organizations, Inc.

The President declared a major disaster in the U.S. Virgin Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement Territory recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides on November 10–16.

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on November 18–19.

#### *December 10*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a National Security Council meeting. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Vladimir Putin of Russia, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany, and President Jacques Chirac of France, to discuss his appointment of James A. Baker III as his personal envoy on the issue of Iraqi debt.

#### *December 11*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had separate telephone conversations with outgoing Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada, to congratulate him on his service to the Canadian people; and with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy, to discuss the situation in Iraq and the President's appointment of James A. Baker III as his personal envoy on the issue of Iraqi debt.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to McLean, VA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President attended a holiday dinner.

The President announced his designation of Kirk Van Tine as Acting Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

The President announced his designation of Neil McPhie as Vice Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

#### *December 12*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and then met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell. Later, he dropped by a meeting in the Roosevelt Room between Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton, Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman, Council on Environmental Quality Chairman James L. Connaughton, and wildlife conservation leaders.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President greeted winners of the 2003 MATHCOUNTS National Competition. Later, on the State Floor, he attended a holiday reception for members of the U.S. Secret Service.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President attended a holiday reception for members of the U.S. Secret Service. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

#### *December 13*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in a telephone conversation with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, the President received notice of the possible capture of former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq by U.S. military personnel in Tikrit, Iraq. Later, he had another telephone conversation with Secretary Rumsfeld to discuss further information on the possible capture. He then had separate telephone conversations with Vice President Dick Cheney and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to notify them of the possible capture.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

#### *December 14*

In the early morning, in a telephone conversation with National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, the President received confirmation of the capture of former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq. Later, in the Residence, the President and Mrs. Bush watched television coverage of the briefing in Baghdad by L. Paul Bremer III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq, announcing the capture.

Also in the morning, the President had a briefing on the details of the capture and had separate telephone conversations with the following individuals to discuss the capture: Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist; Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom; Central Intelligence Agency Director George J. Tenet; Adnan Pachachi, Acting President of the Governing Council of Iraq; Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld; Gen. John P. Abizaid, USA, combatant commander, U.S. Central Command; Secretary of State Colin L. Powell; and President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain.

In the evening, at the National Building Museum, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in the taping of the annual "Christmas in Washington" concert for later television broadcast.

#### *December 15*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada to discuss Canada-U.S. relations. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President met with Iraqi Minister of Health Khadir Abbas; Rend Rahim Francke, Head of the Iraq Interests Section in the U.S.; and a group of Iraqi doctors to discuss health care in Iraq.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the funeral of former President Heydar Aliyev of Azerbaijan:

Brent Scowcroft (head of delegation);  
Sam Brownback;  
A. Elizabeth Jones; and  
Reno L. Harnish.

#### *December 16*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan to discuss the completion of the Afghan national highway from Kabul to Kandahar and other developments in Afghanistan. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity for the Pediatric Equity Research Act of 2003 and a signing ceremony for the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003. Later, he participated in an interview with Diane Sawyer of ABC News.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in separate signing ceremonies for the National Museum of African

American History and Culture Act and the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003. He then participated in separate photo opportunities for the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act and the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act of 2003.

Later in the afternoon, at Blair House, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the diplomatic corps holiday reception.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with James A. Baker III, his personal envoy on the issue of Iraqi debt, concerning Secretary Baker's discussions with President Jacques Chirac of France and Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany.

In the evening, the President attended a holiday reception on the State Floor.

#### *December 17*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Kill Devil Hills, NC.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President attended holiday receptions.

#### *December 18*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, he had an MRI examination of his knees, followed by a brief visit with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, who was recovering from surgery. He then visited U.S. military personnel injured in Iraq and Afghanistan and awarded Purple Hearts to several of them.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President Alvaro Uribe of Colombia to discuss the capture of former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, Colombia's fight against drugs and terrorism, and bilateral and regional issues. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Vicente Fox of Mexico to discuss the capture and bilateral and regional issues.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a holiday reception for members of the press.

#### *December 19*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the United Nations to exchange holiday greetings. He then met with Secretary of Health and

Human Services Tommy G. Thompson and Director of National Drug Control Policy John P. Walters to discuss progress toward the President's goals for reducing drug use.

In the afternoon, the President met with James A. Baker III, his personal envoy on the issue of Iraqi debt.

In the evening, the President hosted a holiday dinner for senior White House staff.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Monterrey, Mexico, on January 12–13, 2004, to attend the Special Summit of the Americas.

The President announced his intention to designate Mark J. Warshawsky as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy.

The President announced his intention to designate Gordon H. Mansfield as Acting Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The President declared a major disaster in the Federated States of Micronesia and ordered Federal aid to supplement national and State recovery efforts in the area struck by Typhoon Lupit on November 22–26.

#### *December 20*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal to discuss the capture of former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to discuss the situations in Iraq, North Korea, and Libya, and the upcoming visit to Japan of James A. Baker III, the President's personal envoy on the issue of Iraqi debt. The President then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hu Jintao of China to discuss the situations in Taiwan, Iraq, and North Korea, and Presidential Envoy Baker's upcoming visit to China.

#### *December 22*

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea to discuss the situations in Iraq and North Korea and Presidential Envoy Baker's upcoming visit to South Korea. He then had an intelligence briefing and met with the Homeland Security Council. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and then with L. Paul Bremer III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq, to discuss the situation in Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President met with rabbi and Jewish community leaders in the Roosevelt Room. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Alexandria, VA, and then returned to Washington, DC.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a Hanukkah reception on the State Floor.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush went to Camp David, MD.

#### *December 23*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to appoint Eloise Anderson as a member of the Board of Directors of the Student Loan Marketing Association.

#### *December 24*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had telephone conversations with members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

#### *December 25*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President celebrated Christmas with family members.

#### *December 26*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced the recess appointment of Albert Casey as a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service.

The President announced the recess appointment of Bradley D. Belt as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

The President announced the recess appointment of Raymond Simon as Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education.

The President announced the recess appointments of Gay Hart Gaines and Claudia Puig as members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The President announced the recess appointment of Fayza Veronique Boulad Rodman as a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

The President announced the recess appointments of Cynthia Boich, Dorothy A. Johnson,

and Henry Lozano as members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced the recess appointment of Ronald E. Meisburg as a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The President announced the recess appointment of Clark Kent Ervin as Inspector General at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced the recess appointment of Robert Lerner as Commissioner of Education Statistics at the Department of Education.

*December 27*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

*December 28*

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman concerning the recent incidence of bovine spongiform encephalitis (also known as mad cow disease) in Washington State.

*December 29*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

*December 30*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in an interview with author Ken Walsh.

*December 31*

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.