Appendix A—Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this book.

January 1
In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 2
In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

January 3
In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the upcoming elections and the security situation in Iraq. Later in the morning, he had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President and Mrs. Bush, along with former Presidents William J. Clinton and George H.W. Bush, went to the Embassies of Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, where they signed books of condolence for victims of the December 26, 2004, Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunamis.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Robert Brown to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Robert D. Jamison as Acting Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

January 4
In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker of Luxembourg, in his capacity as President of the European Council, to congratulate him on his reelection and to discuss their upcoming meeting to be held February 22 in Brussels, Belgium. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida to discuss relief efforts following the December 26, 2004, Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunamis.

In the afternoon, the President met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson. He also met with Secretary of Education Roderick R. Paige.

January 5
In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss the upcoming meeting of Iraq’s neighboring countries to be held January 6 in Jordan. He then had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss the situation in Iraq and the upcoming Arab League ministers meeting to be held January 12 in Cairo.

Later in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Ghazi al-Ujayl al-Yawr of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Collinsville, IL, arriving in the afternoon. Upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Connie Bergmann.

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

The President announced his intention to name Claude A. Allen as Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced that he has named Daniel Bartlett as Counselor to the President.

The President announced that he has named Nicolle Devenish as Assistant to the President for Communications.

January 6
In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Mikhail Saakashvili of Georgia to discuss the situation in Ukraine and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President met with Republican congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities.
In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with individuals to discuss class-action lawsuit reform.

Later in the afternoon, on the South Lawn, the President and Mrs. Bush publicly welcomed their new pet, Miss Beazley, to the White House.

During the day, the President met with Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida to discuss relief efforts following the December 26, 2004, Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunamis.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush and family members attended the 60th wedding anniversary dinner of former President George H.W. Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush.

The White House announced that the President will host President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland at the White House for a meeting and lunch on February 9.

January 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Chairman Connie Mack and Vice Chairman John B. Breaux of the President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform and Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snow.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Clinton Township, MI, arriving in the afternoon. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John C. Danforth to discuss the situation in Sudan. Upon arrival in Clinton Township, the President met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Don Kotchman.

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

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform:

- Connie Mack III (Chairman);
- John B. Breaux (Vice Chairman);
- William Eldridge Frenzel;
- Elizabeth Garrett;
- Edward P. Lazear;
- Timothy J. Muris;
- James Michael Poterba;
- Charles O. Rossotti; and

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert B. Zoellick to be Deputy Secretary of State.

January 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 10

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

Later in the morning, at the U.S. Agency for International Development, the President met with presidents of international relief organizations to discuss relief efforts following the December 26, 2004, Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunamis.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi.

Later in the afternoon, the President received a briefing and participated in a discussion on efforts to improve tsunami monitoring and warning systems in response to the December 26, 2004, Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunamis. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with the Wall Street Journal.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President-elect Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority to congratulate him on his January 9 election victory.

The President announced that he has named Allan B. Hubbard as Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director of the National Economic Council.

The President announced that he has named Candida Perotti Wolff as Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

January 11

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Attorney General John Ashcroft. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Defense Minister Sergey Borisovich Ivanov of Russia.
Later in the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with the Washington Times.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Chertoff to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

The President declared an emergency in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on December 21–23, 2004.

The President declared an emergency in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record snow on December 22–24, 2004.

January 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Falls Church, VA. Upon arrival at J.E.B. Stuart High School, they met with school officials and international baccalaureate program students.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an interview with Barbara Walters of ABC’s “20/20” show for later broadcast.

January 13

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

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

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with teachers and a principal to discuss education priorities. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in an interview with USA Today. He then participated in an interview with representatives of regional media.

The President announced that he has named Jim Towey as Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

January 14

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Ghazi al-Ujayl al-Yawr of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss President Yawr’s visit to Europe and the upcoming elections in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Jacksonville, FL, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Steve Miller.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate David A. Balton for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph R. DeTrani for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks.

The President announced his intention to designate Kent R. Hill as Acting Assistant Administrator for Global Health at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint William T. Ryan as a member of the Board of Directors of the Rural Telephone Bank.

January 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 18

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq, the recent Palestinian Presidential election, and other issues. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq. Later, he had an intelligence briefing and met with the Homeland Security Council.

Later in the morning, the President participated in separate interviews with the FOX News and Cable News Network television channels. Later, in the Family Theater, he participated in a speech preparation session for his January 20 Inaugural Address.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the Renaissance Hotel, where he made
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remarks at a Republican National Committee reception.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, where he made remarks at the inaugural chairman’s reception.

January 19

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Ghazi al-Ujayl al-Yawr of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Mannohan Singh of India to discuss relief efforts following the December 26, 2004, Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami and other issues. Later, he had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the National Archives and Records Administration, where they toured the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom with Archivist of the United States John W. Carlin and Senior Curator Stacey Bredhoff. During the tour, they examined historical documents including the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, George Washington’s handwritten Inaugural Address, and the Bible used in the inaugurations of George Washington and George Bush.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, where he made remarks at the inaugural chairman’s luncheon. Later, in the Family Theatre, he participated in a speech preparation session for his January 20 Inaugural Address.

Later in the afternoon, on the State Floor, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted an inaugural luncheon for family members.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended three candlelight dinners hosted by the inaugural committee. They then attended an inaugural ball.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jeffrey F. Kupfer as Executive Director of the President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform.

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

The President announced his recess appointments of Gregory B. Jaczko and Peter B. Lyons as members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

January 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush went to St. John’s Episcopal Church, where they attended a prayer service.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went by motorcade along the inaugural parade route to the White House, where they viewed the parade from the reviewing stand.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended several inaugural balls.

January 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush went to the National Cathedral, where they participated in the National Prayer Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Thomas Schieffer to be Ambassador to Japan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Morrison Combs to be Controller of the Office of Federal Financial Management at the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to the inauguration of President Viktor Ťushchenko of Ukraine on January 23:

Colin L. Powell (head of delegation);
John E. Herbst;
Paula Dobriansky;
Vera M. Andryczyk;
Nadia Komarnyckyj McConnell; and
Myron Kuropas.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to a special session of the United Nations General Assembly to be held on January 24 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps:

Paul D. Wolfowitz (head of delegation);
Anne Patterson;
Henry R. Kravis; and
Bryce Sandler.

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 winter storms and flooding beginning on January 1 and continuing.
January 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, at the Capital Hilton hotel, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the Alfalfa Club Dinner.

January 23

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

January 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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

The White House announced that the President will host a working dinner for President Jacques Chirac of France in Brussels, Belgium, on February 21.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Jackson to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to Poland to attend the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau:

Vice President Dick Cheney (head of delegation);
Lynne Cheney;
Victor Ashe;
Tom Lantos;
Annette Tillemann Lantos;
Feliks Bruks;
Deborah Lipstadt;
Fred Schwartz; and
Elie Wiesel.

January 25

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President met with African American leaders and pastors. Later, he participated in an interview with the Boston Herald.

Later in the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee and Senate Republican leadership to discuss Social Security reform and other legislative priorities.

In the evening, the President met with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and combatant commanders. He then hosted a dinner for them and their spouses on the State Floor.

January 26

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil and King Juan Carlos I of Spain. He then had an intelligence briefing.

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

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Later in the afternoon, in the Residence, the President met with Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee and House Republican leadership to discuss Social Security reform and other legislative priorities.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the United Nations to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq.

January 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Ghazi al-Ujayl al-Yawr of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the upcoming elections and security situation in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Cleveland, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer T.J. Powell. Later, at the Cleveland Clinic, he viewed a demonstration of health care information technology.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he participated in an interview with the New York Times. He then participated in an interview with Brian Lamb of C-SPAN.

January 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to White Sulphur Springs, WV, arriving in the afternoon.

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

The President announced his intention to appoint Brig. Gen. Jack Nicholson, USA (Ret.),
as Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ronald A. Faucheux and Daron R. Shaw as members of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

The President announced his intention to designate Peter Lichtenbaum as Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

January 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 30

In the afternoon, the President had separate telephone conversations with King Abdullah II of Jordan, Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss the elections in Iraq.

Later in the afternoon, in the Family Theater, the President participated in a speech preparation session for his February 2 State of the Union Address.

January 31

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom, President Jacques Chirac of France, and Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany to discuss the elections in Iraq, the situation in the Middle East, and the President’s upcoming visit to Europe.

Later in the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and President Ghazi al-Ujayl al-Yawr of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the elections in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, in the Family Theater, the President participated in two speech preparation sessions.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the United Nations to discuss the elections in Iraq.

The President announced that he has named Jack D. Crouch II as Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser.

February 1

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Vladimir Putin of Russia, Secretary General Jakob Gijsbert “Jaap” de Hoop Scheffer of NATO, and European Union Commission President Jose Manuel Durao Barroso to discuss the elections in Iraq. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Vicente Fox of Mexico to discuss the elections in Iraq and other issues.

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Family Theater, he participated in a speech preparation session.

In the afternoon, the President met with Representative Jo Ann Emerson, chair, National Prayer Breakfast. He then participated in an interview with columnist Cal Thomas. Later, in the Family Theater, he participated in a speech preparation session.

February 2

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to discuss the elections in Iraq, the President’s upcoming visit to Europe, and other issues. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada to discuss the elections in Iraq. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Elias Antonio Saca Gonzalez of El Salvador to discuss the elections in Iraq and to thank President Saca Gonzalez for the service of Salvadoran troops in Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had separate meetings with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Later, in the Family Theater, he participated in a speech preparation session.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with network television correspondents.

The President declared a major disaster in Hawaii and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flash flooding on October 30, 2004.

The President declared an emergency in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on December 21–23, 2004.
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 beginning on January 4 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Utah and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on January 8–12.

February 3

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to discuss the elections in Iraq, the situation in North Korea, and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Fargo, ND, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Fran Rickers.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Great Falls, MT, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers Char and Roy Brady.

In the evening, the President traveled to Omaha, NE. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to discuss the elections in Iraq, relief efforts following the December 26, 2004, Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunamis and other issues.

February 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Little Rock, AR. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with President Traian Basescu of Romania and Prime Minister Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha of Bulgaria to discuss the elections in Iraq. Upon arrival in Little Rock, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Katya Lyzhina.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Tampa, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Margaret Goodson.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea.

The President announced his intention to nominate Brig. Gen. William T. Grisoli, USA, to be a Commissioner of the Mississippi River Commission.

The President announced his intention to designate Christopher Bancroft Burnham as Acting Under Secretary of State for Management.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the state funeral of Prime Minister Zurab Zhvania of Georgia on February 6:

- Senator Richard G. Lugar (head of delegation);
- Richard J. Miles;
- Paul V. Applegarth; and
- Lorne W. Craner.

The President announced his designation of former Presidents George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton as members of the Presidential delegation to visit tsunami-affected countries of South and Southeast Asia including Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Maldives on February 19–21.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, debris flows, and mudslides on December 27, 2004, through January 11, 2005.

February 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

February 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft to congratulate the team on their February 6 Super Bowl victory.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup champion driver Kurt Busch. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez and his wife, Edilia.

February 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft to congratulate the team on their February 6 Super Bowl victory.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup champion driver Kurt Busch. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez and his wife, Edilia.
he met with Republican Members of the House of Representatives to discuss Social Security reform.

The White House announced that the President will host President Traian Basescu of Romania at the White House on March 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Clay Sell to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia Lynn Scarlett to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

The President announced that he has named Karl Rove as Assistant to the President, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Senior Adviser.

The President announced that he has named Michael J. Gerson as Assistant to the President for Policy and Strategic Planning.

February 9

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Thaksin Chinnawat of Thailand to congratulate him on his party's February 6 parliamentary election victory and to discuss relief efforts following the December 26, 2004, Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunamis. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark to congratulate him on his February 8 election victory and to discuss the elections in Iraq, the situation in the Middle East, and the President's upcoming visit to Europe.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland.

Later in the afternoon, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President made remarks at a business roundtable.

The President announced that he has named John E. Straub as Special Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Administration.

The President announced that he has named William McGurn as Assistant to the President for Speechwriting.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm and record snow on December 21–23, 2004.

February 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Raleigh, NC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Jim Van Strien.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Blue Bell, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer David Bulkley.

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

The President announced his intention to name Roland W. Betts as a member of the New York Committee on the Olympic Games Board of Directors.

February 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate C. David Welch to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate John B. Bellinger III to be Legal Adviser at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to nominate R. Nicholas Burns to be Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

February 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

February 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the meeting between former President Franklin D. Roosevelt and King Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia and to discuss elections in Saudi Arabia and counterterrorism efforts.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with outgoing Administrator Sean O'Keefe of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to thank him for his service.
The President announced his intention to nominate Lester M. Crawford to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs at the Department of Health and Human Services.

February 15
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.
The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will host King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway for lunch at the White House on March 7.
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 winter storms, flooding, and mudslides on December 22, 2004, through February 1, 2005.

February 16
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he had breakfast with congressional leaders.
Later in the morning, the President traveled to Portsmouth, NH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Reggie Wright.
In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

February 17
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.
During the day, in the Oval Office, the President and Mrs. Bush met with Paul Rusesabagina, whose actions to shelter refugees during the 1994 Rwanda genocide were depicted in the film “Hotel Rwanda,” and his wife, Tatiana Rusesabagina.

February 18
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.
The President announced his intention to nominate Jonathan Brian Perlin to be Under Secretary for Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs.
The President announced his intention to appoint Becky Norton Dunlop (Chairman) and Richard Barber Ainsworth, Jr., as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel.
The President announced his intention to designate Raymond F. DuBois as Acting Under Secretary of the Army.

The President declared a major disaster in Arizona and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on December 28, 2004, through January 12, 2005.
The President declared an emergency in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record and/or near record snow on December 29, 2004, through January 2, 2005.
The President declared an emergency in Connecticut and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record snow on January 22–23.
The President declared an emergency in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record and/or near record snow on January 22–23.
The President declared an emergency in Rhode Island and ordered Federal aid to supplement Territory and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Cyclone Olaf, including high winds, high surf, and heavy rainfall, beginning on February 15 and continuing.

February 19
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

February 20
In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Brussels, Belgium, arriving in the evening.

February 21
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Sheraton Brussels Hotel and Towers, he and Mrs. Bush met with U.S. Embassy and Missions personnel. Then, at the Royal Palace, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a courtesy call with King Albert II and Queen Paola of Belgium.
Later in the morning, in the Prime Minister's Office at Lambermont House, the President met with Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt of Belgium. Then, at the U.S. Ambassador's residence,
the President met with Secretary General Jakob Gijsbert “Jaap” de Hoop Scheffer of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In the evening, at the U.S. Ambassador’s residence, the President met with President Jacques Chirac of France. They then had a working dinner.

**February 22**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the U.S. Ambassador’s residence, he had a working breakfast with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom.

Later in the morning at NATO Headquarters, the President had a meeting with President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine. He then participated in a meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Commission. Later, he met with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy. He then participated in a plenary session of the North Atlantic Council followed by an official photo with NATO leaders.

In the afternoon, at NATO Headquarters, the President had lunch with NATO leaders. Later, at the Justus Lipsius Building, he participated in a meeting followed by an official photo with European Union leaders.

In the evening, in the Berlaymont Building, the President met with European Commission President Jose Manuel Durao Barroso followed by a photo opportunity with European Union Commissioners. He then had a working dinner with European Commission President Durao Barroso, European Council President Jean-Claude Juncker, and European Council Secretary General Javier Solana.

The President announced his intention to nominate John C. Dugan to be Comptroller of the Currency at the Department of the Treasury.

**February 23**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Mainz, Germany, where, at the Electoral Palace, they participated in an arrival ceremony with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany and greeted American and German soldiers who had served in Afghanistan.

Later in the morning, at the Electoral Palace, the President met with Chancellor Schroeder.

In the afternoon, at the Electoral Palace, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with Chancellor Schroeder, his wife, Doris Schroeder-Koepl, and local leaders and businesspeople. They then met with Angela Merkel, leader of Germany’s Christian Democratic Union party.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush toured the Gutenberg Museum.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Wiesbaden, Germany, where, at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, they participated in a photo opportunity with distinguished servicemembers of the U.S. Army’s 1st Armored Division and their spouses.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Bratislava, Slovakia, where, at M.R. Stefanik Airport, they participated in an arrival ceremony.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Cobey to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations:

- Peter F. Baranay
- James G. Berges
- JoAnn Brouillette
- Thomas J. Donohue
- Calvin M. Dooley
- Jennifer Dunn
- Edward Charles Emma
- John Engler
- William Eldridge Frenzel
- Allen E. Gant, Jr.
- Nicholas Giordano
- Terry D. Growcock
- Herbert Fisk Johnson
- Scott Klug
- Charles Edward Kruse
- Larry A. Liebenow
- Tracy Mullin Moroney
- James Winston Morrison
- Edward Joseph Perkins
- Kevin Barney Rollins
- Lea N. Soupata
- Jose Antonio Villamil
- Joseph P. Ward
- Wythe Willis Willey
- Wendell L. Willkie II

The President announced his intention to designate Harvey S. Rosen as Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.
February 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Radisson SAS Carlton Hotel, he and Mrs. Bush met with U.S. Embassy personnel.

Later in the morning, at the Presidential Palace, the President met with President Ivan Gasparovic of Slovakia. Later, in the Prime Minister’s Office, he met with Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda of Slovakia.

Later in the morning, at the Slovak National Theater, the President met with champions of freedom. Later, at the Treasures Museum of Bratislava Castle, he met with President Vladimir Putin of Russia.

In the evening, at Bratislava Castle, the President participated in a photo opportunity with President Gasparovic, Prime Minister Dzurinda, Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic Pavol Hrusovsky, and President Putin.

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

The President declared an emergency in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record and/or near record snow on January 6–10.

February 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy Ann Nord to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christopher J. Hanley to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint James C. Langdon, Jr., as a member of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and, upon appointment, to designate him as Chairman of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and Chairman of the Intelligence Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Grover Whitehurst as Acting Commissioner of Education Statistics at the Department of Education.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the inauguration of President Tabare Vazquez of Uruguay on March 1: Elaine L. Chao (head of delegation), Martin J. Silverstein, and Marilyn Ware.

February 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

February 28

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome Nasrallah Boutros Cardinal Sfeir, the Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, to the White House on March 16.

March 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with congressional leaders to discuss his recent visit to Europe and foreign policy initiatives.

March 2

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

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

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President met with Republican Members of the House of Representatives to discuss Social Security reform.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Alabama by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for public assistance projects undertaken as a result of Hurricane Ivan.

March 3

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the political and security situation in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, he traveled to Langley, VA, where he had a briefing at the Central Intelligence Agency. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.
Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in an interview with the New York Post Editorial Board. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. He then participated in a photo opportunity with U.S. Senate Youth Program students.

The White House announced that the President will host President Vicente Fox of Mexico and Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada in Texas on March 23.

March 4

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister-designate Jose Socrates of Portugal to congratulate him on his party's February 20 election victory. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Newark, NJ, where, upon arrival at Newark Liberty International Airport, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer John Herrmann. He then traveled to Westfield, NJ.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to South Bend, IN, where, upon arrival at South Bend Regional Airport, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Lucy Kuminiec. He then traveled to Notre Dame, IN.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland to the White House on March 17.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Garman to be Under Secretary of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christopher R. Hill to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anthony J. Principi to be a member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission and, upon confirmation, to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rudolph E. Boschwitz for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of 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 designate E. Timothy Oppelt as Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development at the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen L. Johnson to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

March 5

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada to discuss their March 23 meeting in Texas and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

March 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the South Lawn, he and Mrs. Bush welcomed King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with the King and Queen of Norway.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Pittsburgh, PA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to discuss regional issues including the situation in Lebanon. He then had a telephone conversation with President Jacques Chirac of France to discuss the situation in Lebanon.

Later in the afternoon, upon arrival in Pittsburgh, the President met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Jennie Roth. Later, at the Providence Family Support Center, he and Mrs. Bush met with participants in the Center's after-school program. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Vaclav Klaus of the Czech Republic to the White House on March 8.


The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel Fried to be Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs.
March 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in an Oval Office ceremony, he received the annual report of the Boy Scouts of America. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Vaclav Klaus of the Czech Republic.

In the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Flavio Dario Espinal Jacobo of the Dominican Republic, Ek Sereyvath of Cambodia, Deborah-Mae Lovell of Antigua and Barbuda, Hopelong U. Ipinge of Namibia, Hong Seok-hyun of South Korea, Mohamed Nejib Hachana of Tunisia, and Frank McKenna of Canada.

Later in the afternoon, in the Residence, the President met with Republican Senators to discuss Social Security reform.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Abdullah II of Jordan to the White House on March 15.

The President declared a major disaster in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by heavy rains and flooding on January 7-13.

March 9

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to discuss the situations in North Korea and the Middle East, beef exports, and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Columbus, OH. Upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Betty Cheney. Later, he participated in a tour of the Battelle Memorial Institute.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy.

The White House announced that the President will host President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine at the White House for a meeting and working lunch on April 4.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael D. Griffin to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles F. Conner to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Joseph to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul D. Clement to be Solicitor General at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kim Wang to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to Israel to attend the inauguration of the Yad Vashem New Holocaust History Museum on March 15:

- Michael R. Bloomberg (head of delegation);
- Elie Wiesel;
- Daniel Kurtzer;
- Fred S. Zeidman;
Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis; Norma Lerner; and Rabbi Isaac Neuman.

March 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the Gridiron Club dinner at the Capital Hilton Hotel.

March 14

In the morning, in his private dining room, the President had a breakfast meeting with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Karen Hughes to discuss his nomination of Hughes to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the State Dining Room, the President participated in a photo opportunity with Intel Science Talent Search finalists.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with John Furgess, commander-in-chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with Bishop William S. Skyldstad, president, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In the evening, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a reception for the diplomatic corps.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karen P. Hughes to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dina Habib Powell to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The President declared a major disaster in Alaska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm on January 7–12.

The President declared an emergency in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record and/or near-record snow on January 22–23.

The President declared an emergency in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record and/or near-record snow on February 10–11.

March 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then participated in a roundtable interview with representatives of regional newspapers.

The President announced that he has nominated the following individuals to be members of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission:

James H. Bilbray; Philip Coyle; Adm. Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN (Ret.); James V. Hansen; Gen. James T. Hill, USA (Ret.); Lt. Gen. Claude M. Kicklighter, USA (Ret.); Samuel Knox Skinner; and Brig. Gen. Sue Ellen Turner, USAF (Ret.)

March 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul D. Wolfowitz and Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snow to discuss the President’s recommendation of Wolfowitz to serve as President of the World Bank.

The President announced that he has directed World Bank U.S. Executive Director Robert B. Holland to recommend that the World Bank Board of Directors elect Paul D. Wolfowitz as President of the World Bank.

The President announced his intention to designate Kevin J. Martin as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

March 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland. Then, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, he participated in a photo opportunity with Northern Ireland political and civic leaders. Later, also in the Diplomatic Reception Room, he met with family members of Robert McCartney, who was murdered in Belfast, Ireland, on January 30.

In the afternoon, at the U.S. Capitol, the President and Prime Minister Ahern attended a Saint Patrick’s Day luncheon hosted by Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert.
Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Thomas P. Cadmus, national commander, American Legion.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph H. Boardman to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation.

March 18

In the morning, the President traveled to Pensacola, FL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he met with Senator Mel R. Martinez and Representatives Tom Feeney, Ric Keller, Jeff Miller, Adam H. Putnam, and Dave Weldon of Florida. Later, also aboard Air Force One, he had an intelligence briefing. Upon arrival in Pensacola, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bob Woodard.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Orlando, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Betty Haggard. Later, he toured the Life Project Senior Development Center.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on April 11.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda M. Springer to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

The President announced his intention to appoint John Belle as a member of the Commission of Fine Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Herbert F. Ames as a member of the National Capital Planning Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint A. Norman Crowder III, Robert Gordan, and Leopoldo E. Guzman as members of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

The President announced his intention to designate James E. Nevels as Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board):

- Tricia Mason;
- Philip G. Pearce;
- Daniel O. Rios;
- and John O. Woods, Jr.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles M. Younger as a member of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy.

March 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President met with Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff Joe Hagin to discuss legislation concerning Theresa Marie Schiavo.

March 20

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

March 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Tucson, AZ. While en route aboard Air Force One, he met with Representatives Bob Beauprez and Joel Hefley of Colorado and Representatives Trent Franks and John B. Shadegg of Arizona. Upon arrival in Tucson, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Russell Gursky.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Denver, CO, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Harold Brewer.

In the evening, the President traveled to Albuquerque, NM.

March 22

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

March 23

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

Later in the morning, at the Armstrong Browning Library at Baylor University, the President met with President Vicente Fox of Mexico and Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada.

In the afternoon, the President and President Fox and Prime Minister Martin traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX. Later, they had a working lunch and toured the ranch.

The President announced his intention to nominate Timothy D. Adams to be Under Secretary of the Treasury (International Affairs).
The President announced his intention to designate Arnold I. Havens as Acting Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

**March 24**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Latvia, the Netherlands, Russia, and Georgia on May 6–10 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sean Ian McCormack to be Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ellen G. Engleman Conners to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark V. Rosenker to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board and, upon confirmation, to designate him as Vice Chairman.

**March 25**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

**March 26**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

**March 27**

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Fort Hood, TX, where they attended an Easter Sunday service at the 4th Infantry Division Memorial Chapel. Later, they returned to the Bush Ranch, where they celebrated Easter with family members.

**March 28**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President participated in a celebration of Greek Independence Day.

During the day, the President had a briefing on the earthquake that struck off the coast of Indonesia earlier in the day.

**March 29**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Nestor Kirchner of Argentina to discuss the Summit of the Americas to be held in November and other issues.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with a group of Iraqi citizens who live in the U.S. and who voted in the Iraqi elections in January.

In the afternoon, the President had a briefing on the report by the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction to be released officially on March 31.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rachel Brand to be Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Suzanne C. DeFrancis to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Public Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alice S. Fisher to be Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Philip J. Perry to be General Counsel at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Regina B. Schofield to be Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Dolan and Robert M. Duncan to be members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

**March 30**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with Mrs. Bush, who was returning from a visit to Afghanistan.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Cedar Rapids, IA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Al Smith, Jr.

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

The President declared an emergency in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area.
struck by record and/or near-record snow on January 22–23.

The President declared an emergency in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record snow on February 10–11.

March 31

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the situation in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with members of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction, who presented him with their official report. Later, in the Situation Room, he met with members of his Cabinet whose Departments may be affected by the Commission’s report.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the evening, in the Residence, the President received a briefing from White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card, Jr., on the health of Pope John Paul II.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gordon R. England to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric S. Edelman to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

April 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with USA WEEKEND Magazine’s Make a Difference Day outstanding teen volunteer winners.

Later in the morning, the President, Mrs. Bush, and Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael O. Leavitt went to the Paul Public Charter School, where they met with participants of a mentoring program for children of prisoners.

During the day, the President received updates on the health of Pope John Paul II.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ben S. Bernanke to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers and, upon confirmation, to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth J. Krieg to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

The President announced his intention to nominate David A. Sampson to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to designate Rhonda Keenum as Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as Governors of the Board of Governors of the American Red Cross:

- Michael Chertoff;
- Carlos M. Gutierrez;
- Michael O. Leavitt;
- R. James Nicholson;
- Condoleezza Rice; and
- Margaret Spellings.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gerald A. Jemison, Mark A. Sadd, and John G. Williams III as members of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Valles Caldera Trust:

- John T. Caid;
- James R. Gosz;
- Tracy Hephner; and
- Raymond Loretto.

The President announced his intention to appoint James Balsiger as a Commissioner of the U.S. Commissioners on the International Pacific Halibut Commission and as the U.S. Commissioner on the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission.

The President announced his recess appointment of the following individuals as members of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission:

- Anthony J. Principi (Chairman);
- James H. Bilbray;
- Philip Coyle;
- Adm. Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN (Ret.);
- Brig. Gen. Sue Ellen Turner, USAF (Ret.);
- James V. Hansen;
- Gen. James T. Hill, USA (Ret.);
- Samuel Knox Skinner; and
- Gen. Lloyd Warren Newton, USAF (Ret.).
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The President announced his recess appointment of Michael W. Wynne as Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record and/or near-record snow on March 9.

April 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had a telephone conversation with White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card, Jr., who informed him of the death of Pope John Paul II.

April 3

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where they watched a performance of the play “Mister Roberts.” Later, they went to the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, where they attended a memorial mass for Pope John Paul II.

April 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with Speaker Hajim al-Hasani of the Iraqi Transitional National Assembly to congratulate him on his April 3 election.

In the afternoon, in the Red Room, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine and his wife, Kateryna Yushchenko.

April 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Parkersburg, WV, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer June Roberts.

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

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad. Later, Secretary Rice announced the President’s intention to nominate Ambassador Khalilzad to be U.S. Ambassador to Iraq.

The President announced that the delegation accompanying him and Mrs. Bush to the funeral mass of Pope John Paul II on April 8 will include: former President George H.W. Bush; former President William J. Clinton; and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

April 6

In the morning, the President and his delegation to the funeral mass of Pope John Paul II traveled to Rome, Italy. While en route aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jalal Talabani of the Iraqi Transitional Government to congratulate him on his election earlier in the day and to discuss Iraq-U.S. relations. He then had a telephone conversation with Amir Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani of Qatar to express his condolences on the recent terrorist attacks in Qatar.

Later in the morning, in the conference room aboard Air Force One, the President, former President Bush, and former President Clinton had an intelligence briefing. Later, the President had a telephone conversation with head coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson of Baylor University’s women’s basketball team to congratulate her on the team’s April 5 NCAA championship.

In the afternoon, upon arrival in Rome, the President and his delegation went to Vatican City, where they attended the public viewing for Pope John Paul II, who lay in state in Saint Peter’s Basilica.

During the day, the President received a briefing from National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the helicopter crash in Kabul, Afghanistan, that killed American troops earlier in the day.

The President announced his intention to nominate Maria Cino to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

April 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the Quirinale Palace in Rome, the President and his delegation paid a courtesy call on President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi of Italy.

In the evening, at Villa Taverna, the U.S. Ambassador to Italy’s residence in Rome, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a reception for American Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops of the Catholic Church.
Later in the evening, the President and his delegation, with the exception of Mrs. Bush, had dinner with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy at the Prime Minister’s residence.

April 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at Saint Peter’s Square in Vatican City, he and his delegation attended the funeral mass of Pope John Paul II.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Paul Kagame of Rwanda to the White House on April 15.

The President announced his intention to nominate Emil M. Skodon to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eduardo Aguirre to be Ambassador to Spain and to Andorra.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert B. Stephan as Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection and to designate him as Acting Under Secretary for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation:

- E. Gordon Gee;
- Valentino F. DiGiorgio III;
- Kimberly A. Owens; and
- M. Joyce Van Schaack.

The President announced his intention to appoint George R. Nethercutt, Jr., as Chairman of the U.S. Section of the U.S. and Canada Permanent Joint Board on Defense.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ruth Sharp Altshuler as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Stephen Malcolm Gillis and Con Gia Pham as members of the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation.

April 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

April 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Prime Minister Sharon.

April 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Fort Hood, TX, where he had lunch with U.S. military personnel.

In the afternoon, the President met with family members of U.S. military personnel killed in Iraq. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alex M. Azar II to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate David R. Hill to be General Counsel at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Brian D. Montgomery to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (Federal Housing Commissioner).

The President announced his intention to nominate Phyllis F. Scheinberg to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Budgets and Programs and, upon appointment, to designate her as Chief Financial Officer.

The President announced his intention to nominate Craig Roberts Stapleton to be Ambassador to France.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the funeral mass of Prince Rainier III of Monaco on April 15: John Lehman (head of delegation); Howard H. Leach; and Leslie McBee.

April 13

In the morning, in the Private Dining Room, the President had breakfast with congressional leaders. He then had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with 2005 Presidents Cup co-captains Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player and Professional Golf Association Tour Director Tim Finchem. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with Republican congressional leaders.
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The White House announced that the President will welcome Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on April 25.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Martin Torrijos of Panama to the White House on April 28.

April 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Minister of External Affairs K. Natwar Singh of India.

Later in the morning, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with Republican Members of the House of Representatives to discuss Social Security reform. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with representatives of sports media. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with outgoing President James D. Wolfensohn of the World Bank.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a photo opportunity with 2004 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching recipients.

In the evening, at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, the President threw out the first pitch to open the Major League Baseball game between the Washington Nationals and the Arizona Diamondbacks. He and Mrs. Bush, along with family members, then watched the game.

April 15

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

Also in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker of Luxembourg. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with President Paul Kagame of Rwanda.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Cleveland, OH, arriving in the afternoon. Upon arrival at the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Anita Isom.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Mentor, OH, where he had coffee with small-business owners at Yours Truly restaurant. He then traveled to Kirtland, OH.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate Raymond Simon to be Deputy Secretary of Education and to designate him as Acting Deputy Secretary of Education.

The President announced his intention to designate John A. Russack as the program manager responsible for information sharing across the Federal Government, pursuant to section 1016(f) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council:

Bruce Lawrence Bialosky;
Marek J. Chodakiewicz;
Itchko Ezratti;
Marilyn R. Fox;
JoAnne Ginsberg;
Constance B. Girard-diCarlo;
Norman Hascoe;
Marcia McCraw Horwitz;
Edward Koch;
Michael I. Lebovitz;
Elena Neuman Lefkowitz;
Steven M. Levy; and
William F. Weld.

The President declared a major disaster in Arizona and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on February 10–15.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mud and debris flows on February 16–23.

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 and flooding beginning on April 2 and continuing.

April 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

April 17

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

April 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.
Later in the morning, the President traveled to Columbia, SC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Tracey Ely.

In the afternoon, the President met with employees and patrons at the Rockaway Athletic Club in Columbia.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he participated in a television interview with Ron Insana of CNBC.

April 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Springfield, IL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Della Amos.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a tour of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Later, he met with the chairs and ranking members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Committee on Ways and Means to discuss energy legislation.

The President declared a major disaster in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on April 1–3.

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 and flooding on April 2–4.

April 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Later, he had a briefing on the national economy.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with 2005 Teacher of the Year Jason Kamras.

April 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with Members of the House of Representatives to discuss Social Security reform.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a swearing-in ceremony for John D. Negroponte as Director of National Intelligence.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert B. Holland III to be the U.S. Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles E. Johnson to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Budget, Technology, and Finance.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger Dwayne Pierce to be Ambassador to Cape Verde.

The President declared an emergency in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record snow on March 11–12.

April 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, TN, arriving in the afternoon. Upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bob Lochbaum.

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

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to the inaugural Mass of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on April 24:

- Jeb Bush (head of delegation);
- Michael S. Steele;
- Carl A. Anderson;
- Helen Alvare; and
- Frank Hanley.

April 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

April 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President welcomed Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX. Later, he met with the Crown Prince.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with the Crown Prince.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Konstantinos Karamanlis of Greece to the White House on May 20.
The President announced his designation of C. David Welch as a member of the Presidential delegation to attend the funeral services of former President Ezer Weizman of Israel on April 26.

April 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Galveston, TX, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Dorothy Paterson.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate Sandra L. Pack to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Management) and, upon appointment, to designate her as Chief Financial Officer.

The President announced his intention to nominate Randal Quarles to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury (Domestic Finance).

The President announced his intention to nominate John J. Sullivan to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Philip Terry to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals.

The President announced his intention to nominate John M. Reich to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to designate F. Duane Ackerman as Chairman of the President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to re-designate Patricia F. Russo as Vice Chairman of the President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to re-designate Steven J. Law as a member of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

April 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Martin Torrijos of Panama.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kevin F. Sullivan to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Communications and Outreach.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard L. Skinner to be Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to designate Bruce N. Crandlemire as Acting Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

April 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Martin Torrijos of Panama.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kevin F. Sullivan to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Communications and Outreach.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard L. Skinner to be Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to designate Bruce N. Crandlemire as Acting Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

April 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to Falls
Church, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

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

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with editors of “The Papers of George Washington.”

The White House announced that the President will welcome Nigerian President and Chairman of the African Union Olusegun Obasanjo to the White House on May 5.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rodney E. Hood to be a member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

The President declared an emergency in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record snow on March 11–12.

April 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

May 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Mrs. Bush met with 2005 Preserve America Presidential Award recipients.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an interview with Al Roker of NBC television for later broadcast.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Abel Pacheco of Costa Rica, President Leonel Fernandez of the Dominican Republic, President Elias Antonio Saca of El Salvador, President Oscar Berger of Guatemala, President Ricardo Maduro of Honduras, and President Enrique Bolanos of Nicaragua to the White House for a meeting on May 12.

The President announced his intention to nominate R. Thomas Weimer to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Policy, Management, and Budget).

The President announced his intention to designate David A. Sampson as Acting Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

May 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Canton, MS, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Ruth Wilson.

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

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to the Czech Republic to attend the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Pilsen on May 6:

Jim Nicholson (head of delegation); William J. Cabaniss; Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, USA (Ret.); Linda Maynor; and Julian Niemczyk.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert M. Kimmitt to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

May 4

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to express his regret concerning the death of an Italian intelligence agent who was killed at a U.S. checkpoint in Iraq on March 4. He then had a telephone conversation with President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia to discuss his upcoming visit to Georgia and other issues.

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then met in the Oval Office with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

May 5

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hu Jintao of China to discuss the situation in North Korea, economic issues, China-Taiwan relations, and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Nigerian President and Chairman of the African Union Olusegun Obasanjo.

May 6

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush departed for Riga, Latvia.

Later in the morning, while en route to Riga aboard Air Force One, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to congratulate
him on his May 5 reelection. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush arrived at Riga, Latvia.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia to the White House on May 25.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edmund S. Hawley to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration).

The President announced his intention to nominate Jill L. Sigal to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate James M. Derham to be Ambassador to Guatemala.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Johann Dieter to be Ambassador to Belize.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rodolphe M. Vallee to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

May 7

In the morning, at the Radisson SAS Daugava Hotel in Riga, Latvia, the President had an intelligence briefing. He and Mrs. Bush then greeted U.S. Embassy personnel. They then went to Riga Castle, where they participated in an arrival ceremony with President Vaira Vike-Freiberga of Latvia and her husband, Imants Freibergs. Later, in the Gold Hall at Riga Castle, the President met with President Vike-Freiberga and Prime Minister Aigars Kalvitis of Latvia.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush, accompanied by President Vike-Freiberga and her husband, Imants, went to Freedom Memorial Park, where they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Freedom Monument.

In the afternoon, in the White Hall at the Riga Latvian Society House, the President and President Vike-Freiberga participated in a roundtable discussion with civic leaders.

Later in the afternoon, in the Ligo Room at the Riga Latvian Society House, the President had a lunch meeting with President Vike-Freiberga, President Arnold Ruutel of Estonia, and President Valdas Adamkus of Lithuania.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Maastricht, the Netherlands, where, upon arrival at the Maastricht Aachen Airport, they greeted U.S. Embassy personnel. They then traveled to the Chateau St. Gerlach in Valkenburg, the Netherlands.

May 8

In the morning, at the Chateau St. Gerlach, the President had a breakfast meeting with Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende of the Netherlands.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Margraten, the Netherlands. Upon arrival, they went to the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial, where they met Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands.

Later in the morning, at the Cemetery's Visitor Center, the President and Mrs. Bush signed the guest book. He and Queen Beatrix then participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Moscow, Russia.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a dinner hosted by President Vladimir Putin of Russia and his wife, Lyudmila Putina, at Novo Ogarevo, the Putins's residence in Moscow.

May 9

In the morning, at the Marriott Grand Hotel in Moscow, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had coffee with civic leaders.

Later in the morning, in the Red Square of the Kremlin, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a parade commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. Later, they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at Russia’s Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by the Kremlin wall.

In the afternoon, at the Kremlin State Palace, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a lunch for delegations to the anniversary ceremonies. Later, they went to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, where they greeted Embassy personnel.

In the afternoon, at Spaso House, the President and Mrs. Bush met with U.S. and Russian veterans.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Tbilisi, Georgia, arriving in the evening.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended cultural events in Old Town Tbilisi.
May 10

In the morning, at the Marriott Hotel in Tbilisi, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush greeted U.S. Embassy personnel.

Later in the morning, in the Plaza of the Parliament Building, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony with President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia and his wife, Sandra Roelofs. Later, he met with President Saakashvili in President Saakashvili’s office.

Later in the morning, in the Parliament Building, the President met with Speaker of the Georgian Parliament Nino Burjanadze.

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

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to Austria to attend the 50th anniversary of the Austrian State Treaty on May 15:

- Rudolph E. Boschwitz (head of delegation);
- W.L. Lyons Brown;
- Vincent Obsitnik;
- Alfred Hoffman; and
- Davis Phillips.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark A. Limbaugh to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Water and Science).

The President announced his intention to nominate Henrietta Holsman Fore to be Under Secretary of State for Management.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Alan Eaton to be Ambassador to Panama.

May 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Pamela E. Bridgewater to be Ambassador to Ghana.

The President announced his intention to appoint Tamala Lynne Longaberger as Chairperson of the National Women’s Business Council.

May 12

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

Later in the morning, the President met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with 2005 MATHCOUNTS National Competition award recipients.

The White House announced that the President will welcome former President Nelson Mandela of South Africa to the White House on May 17.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Ahmed Mohamed Nazif of Egypt to Washington on May 18.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark to the White House on May 20.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan to the White House on May 23.

May 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Larry Miles Dinger to be Ambassador to the Fiji Islands and to Nauru, Tonga, Kiribati, and Tuvalu.

The President announced his intention to nominate Terence Patrick McCulley to be Ambassador to Mali.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul A. Trivelli to be Ambassador to Nicaragua.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anne Wagner to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael E. Hess to be Assistant Administrator (Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Response) at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Janice B. Gardner to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Victoria Nuland to be the U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel R. Stanley to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs.
The President intends to designate Gordon R. England as Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense.

The President intends to select the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Aging, for the life of the Conference:

- Rodolfo Arredondo;
- Lupo Carlota;
- Kathleen Correa;
- Joseph F. Coughlin;
- Anthony M. DiLeo;
- Peggye Dilworth-Anderson;
- T. Bella Dinh-Zarr;
- Margaret Lynn Duggar;
- Katherine Freund;
- F. Michael Gloth III;
- Carolyn Gray;
- Carole Green;
- Cynthia Hughes Harris;
- Edward Martinez;
- Melvina McCabe;
- Michael McLendon;
- Lawrence Polivka;
- Isadore Rosenfeld;
- William J. Scanlon;
- Sandra Schlicker;
- Joanne Schwartzberg; and
- William J. Turenne, Sr.

May 14
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

May 15
In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

May 16
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to West Point, VA, where he participated in a tour of the Virginia BioDiesel refinery.

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

May 17
In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government to thank him for his service and to discuss the situation in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with former President Nelson Mandela of South Africa. He then met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with judicial nominees Priscilla R. Owen and Janice Rogers Brown. Later, in the Rose Garden, he participated in a photo opportunity with a group from the Sunshine Kids Foundation. He then had a briefing on the national economy.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority to the White House on May 26.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles S. Ciccolella to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training.

The President announced his intention to nominate Reuben Jeffery III to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and to be Chairman of the Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate James A. Rispoli to be Assistant Secretary of Energy, Environmental Management.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Jewell to be Ambassador to Ecuador.

The President announced his intention to nominate John F. Tefft to be Ambassador to Georgia.

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

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships:

- Richard A. Bennett;
- Terry E. Branstad;
- Archie W. Dunham;
- P. Robert Fannin;
- Cathy Gillespie;
- Anne Heiligenstein;
- Carol Jean Jordan;
- David M. Roederer;
- Judy Baar Topinka; and
- William L. Webb III.

May 18
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Oval Office, he
met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Ahmed Mohamed Nazif of Egypt.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with Republican Members of the House of Representatives to discuss legislative priorities.

Later in the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President dropped by a meeting with members of a coalition from the Dominican Republic supporting passage of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.

May 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to Milwaukee, WI. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with Craig Gilbert of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Later in the morning, upon arrival in Milwaukee, the President met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Sharon Semrow. Later, he met with employees of OnMilwaukee.com at their company office.

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

The White House announced that the President will travel to the United Kingdom to attend the G-8 summit in Gleneagles, Scotland, on July 6–8.

May 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with leaders of the Cuban American community.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany to the White House for a meeting and working lunch on June 27.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tom Luce to be Assistant Secretary of Education (Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development).

The President announced his intention to nominate Arlene Holen to be a member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Irma B. Elder as a member of the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles Patrick Garcia and Nancy R. Kudla as members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

May 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Grand Rapids, MI, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Ruth Dekker. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, the President attended the White House News Photographers’ Association “Eyes of History” gala.

May 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Mrs. Bush to discuss her ongoing travels in the Middle East.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to discuss United Nations Security Council reform and other issues.

May 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Rochester, NY, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer George-Ann Schauffele. He then traveled to Greece, NY.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Residence, he met with Republican Members of the House of Representatives to discuss legislative priorities.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to the White House on June 8.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea to the White House for a meeting and working lunch on June 10.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jan E. Boyer to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.
The President announced his intention to nominate Timothy E. Flanigan to be Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice.
The President announced his intention to nominate William Alan Jeffrey to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology at the Department of Commerce.
The President announced his intention to nominate Ashok G. Kaveeshwar to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration at the Department of Transportation.
The President announced his intention to nominate Walter Lukken to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
The President announced his intention to nominate Kathie L. Olsen to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

May 25
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.
In the afternoon, the President participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s Awards. Later, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he met with the President’s Export Council.
The White House announced that the President will welcome President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa to the White House on June 1.
The White House announced that the President will travel to Denmark on July 6, prior to his participation in the Group of Eight (G-8) summit in Gleneagles, Scotland.
The President announced that he has named Rhonda Keenum as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Public Liaison.
The President announced that he has named Juan Carlos Zarate as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser for Combating Terrorism.

May 26
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority.
In the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Tatoul Markarian of Armenia, Bernard Goonetilleke of Sri Lanka, Zhou Wenzhong of China, Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury of Bangladesh, Amine Kherbi of Algeria, Emile Patrick Jeremie Bonnelame of Seychelles, and Fekitameolua Utoikamanu of Tonga.
The President announced his intention to nominate William C. Anderson to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations and Environment).
The President announced his intention to nominate Israel Hernandez to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.
The President announced his intention to nominate Philip D. Morrison to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Tax Policy).
The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald E. Neumann to be Ambassador to Afghanistan.
The President announced his intention to nominate Richard A. Raymond to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.
The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory L. Schulte to be U.S. Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations and U.S. Representative to the IAEA, with the rank of Ambassador.

May 27
In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Annapolis, MD.
In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.
The White House announced that the President will welcome Organization of American States Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza of Chile to the White House on May 31.
The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Phan Van Khai of Vietnam to the White House on June 21.

May 28
In the morning the President had an intelligence briefing.

May 29
In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.
May 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He and Mrs. Bush then traveled to Arlington, VA, where they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

May 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with crew members of International Space Station expeditions and their families.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza of the Organization of American States.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Maria Corina Machado, executive director, Sumate, an independent democratic civil society group in Venezuela.

The White House announced that the President will meet with NATO Secretary General Jakob Gijsbert "Jaap" de Hoop Scheffer at the White House on June 1.

The White House announced that the President will host Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom for a meeting and working dinner at the White House on June 7.

June 1

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to thank him for hosting Mrs. Bush during her travels in the Middle East and to discuss Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Mohamed Nazif's recent visit to the U.S., elections in Egypt, and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Later, also in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with Boys & Girls Clubs of America 2004 Youth of the Year finalists.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working lunch with President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa.

Later in the afternoon, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President participated in a roundtable interview with board members of the Radio-Television News Directors Association.

Also in the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada.

The President announced his intention to nominate Henry Louis Johnson to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marcus A. Peacock to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alan Walter Eastham, Jr., to be Ambassador to Malawi.

The President announced his intention to designate Richard A. Wannemacher as Acting Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

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

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

John Willard Johnson;
Jan Donnelly O’Neill;
Steven Joel Uhlfelder; and
Donald Edward Vermeil.

June 2

In the morning, in the Private Dining Room, the President had a breakfast meeting with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President met with Vasila Hossaini from Afghanistan, who recently underwent surgery in the U.S. through Project Kids Worldwide to correct a congenital heart defect.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Hopkinsville, KY, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer John Cotthoff. He then traveled to St. Louis, MO.

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

June 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia to discuss Georgia-Russia relations, the spread of democracy, and other issues.
The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India to the White House on July 18.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kevin I. Fromer to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Legislative Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate John R. Beyrle to be Ambassador to Bulgaria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles A. Ford to be Ambassador to Honduras.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marie L. Yovanovitch to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

The President announced his intention to appoint T. Robert Burke, Nancy Rowe Conner, and Curtis Frederick Feeny as members of the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust.

June 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

June 6

In the morning, the President traveled to Fort Lauderdale, FL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had an intelligence briefing. Upon arrival in Fort Lauderdale, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Jaclyn Einstein.

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

June 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with a delegation of Chinese legislators.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with leaders of the Salvation Army.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom.

In the evening, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working dinner with Prime Minister Blair.

June 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

In the afternoon, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President participated in an interview with Neil Cavuto of FOX News for later broadcast.

Later in the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with Republican Members of Congress to discuss legislative priorities.

In the evening, in the Family Theater, the President and representatives of Universal Pictures viewed a screening of the film “Cinderella Man”.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Festus Gontebanye Mogae of Botswana, President John Agyekum Kufuor of Ghana, President Armando Guebuza of Mozambique, President Hifikepunye Pohamba of Namibia, and President Mamadou Tandja of Niger to the White House on June 13.

June 9

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the United Nations to discuss the Secretary-General’s recent visit to Africa and regional issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Columbus, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Dianne Garrett.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Mian Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri of Pakistan.

Later in the afternoon, in the Residence, the President met with Democrat Members of the House of Representatives to discuss the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.

The President announced his intention to nominate Henry Crumpton to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the Department of State, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

The President announced his intention to nominate Benjamin A. Powell to be General Counsel of the Office of Director of National Intelligence.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald Spogli to be Ambassador to Italy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert H. Tuttle to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom.
The President announced his intention to designate Paul W. Curry as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Management).

The President announced his intention to redesignate LaSalle Doheny Leffall, Jr., as Chairman of the President’s Cancer Panel.

The President announced his intention to appoint Michael O. Leavitt and Jim Nicholson as members of the Policy Committee of the White House Conference on Aging.

June 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to McLean, VA, where he toured the National Counterterrorism Center. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working lunch with President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea.

Later in the afternoon, the President participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Year awards.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol E. Dinkins to be Chairman and Alan Charles Raul to be Vice Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lanny J. Davis, Theodore B. Olson, and Francis X. Taylor as members of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate John S. Redd to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

June 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

June 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Bryn Mawr, PA, where he attended a reception at a private residence.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to University Park, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Mickey Peters. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

June 15

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss United Nations reform. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President met with Members of the Senate to discuss the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.

June 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Kang Chol-Hwan of North Korea, author of “The Aquariums of Pyongyang: Ten Years in the North Korean Gulag.” He then participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the 2004 Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the U.S. National Day at the World Exposition 2005 in Aichi, Japan, on June 20:

- Margaret Spellings (head of delegation);
- Thomas Schieffer;
- Lisa Guillermin Gable;
- Tommy Lasorda; and
- Gary Nakamoto.

June 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Bryn Mawr, PA, where he attended a reception at a private residence.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to University Park, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Mickey Peters. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.
Jafari of the Iraqi Transitional Government to the White House on June 24.

The President announced his intention to nominate John G. Grimes to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense (Networks and Information Integration).

The President announced his intention to nominate Wan J. Kim to be an Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights, at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to designate William Baxter as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The President announced his intention to designate David A. Sampson as a Director (Govern- ment Representative) of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint James L. Brulte as a member of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Naval Academy.

June 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Minneapolis, MN, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers John and Agnes Jurek.

Later in the morning, he traveled to Maple Grove, MN, where, at the Maple Grove Community Center, the President met with volunteers participating in a training session on Medicare enrollment.

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

June 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

June 19

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

June 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker of Luxembourg, in his capacity as President of the European Council, President Jose Manuel Durao Barroso of the European Commission, and Secretary General Javier Solana of the European Council. They then had a meeting in the Cabinet Room.

In the afternoon, in the Blue Room, the President had lunch with President Juncker, President Barroso, and Secretary General Solana.

Later in the afternoon, the President participated in a meeting and photo opportunity with White House Fellows.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lawrence Scott Charbo as Chief Information Officer at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sue Ellen Wooldridge to be Assistant Attorney General (Environment and Natural Resources Division) at the Department of Justice.

June 21

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to discuss counterterrorism efforts, United Nations reform, and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the State Dining Room, the President met with the Senate Republican Policy Committee.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with former Secretary General Lord Robertson of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Later, in the Residence, he met with Republican Members of the House of Representatives to discuss the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.

June 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Lusby, MD, where he toured the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

June 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Silver Spring, MD.

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

In the afternoon, in the Private Dining Room, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with bipartisan supporters of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR).
Later in the afternoon, in the Residence, the President met with Republican and Democrat Members of the Senate to discuss CAFTA-DR. The President announced his intention to nominate Steven G. Bradbury to be an Assistant Attorney General (Office of Legal Counsel) at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Colleen Duffy Kiko to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephanie Johnson Monroe to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Granta Y. Nakayama to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (Enforcement and Compliance Assurance).

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary M. Rose to be a member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kent R. Hill to be an Assistant Administrator (Global Health) at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ignacio Eduardo Sanchez as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

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 flooding May 11–12.

June 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he had a briefing and met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld; Gen. John P. Abizaid, USA, combatant commander, U.S. Central Command; Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., USA, commanding general, Multi-National Force—Iraq; and Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jafari of the Iraqi Transitional Government.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with Prime Minister Jafari. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

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 July 1.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House on July 19.

June 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

June 26

In the afternoon, the President attended a White House tee-ball game on the South Lawn.

June 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the South Lawn, he participated in a photo opportunity with the District of Columbia Metropolitan Motorcycle Escort Officers.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working lunch with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany. Later, he had a meeting with members of the Coalition for the Modernization and Protection of America’s Social Security.

Later in the afternoon, in the East Room, the President participated in a photo opportunity with the 2005 Presidential Scholars.

During the day, the President received the 90-day report on the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America from Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez, and Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff.

June 28

In the morning, the President had a breakfast meeting with congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President met with Republican Members of the House of Representatives to discuss the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement. Later, he traveled to Fort Bragg, NC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Jim Stitt, Jr.

Later in the afternoon, at the Watters Center for Family Life & Religious Education, the President met with family members of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.
In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore to the White House on July 12.

The President announced his intention to nominate Phillip Jackson Bell to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan Parker Bodine to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Hillen to be Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Darryl W. Jackson to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce (Export Enforcement).

The President announced his intention to nominate David H. McCormick to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gillian A. Milovanovic to be Ambassador to Macedonia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Retzer to be Ambassador to Tanzania.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald M. Sega to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to nominate Josette Sheeran Shiner to be Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric M. Thorson to be Inspector General of the Small Business Administration.

June 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he participated in a National Security Council briefing on the report of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with ITV of the United Kingdom for later broadcast. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Lt. Gen. William E. “Kip” Ward, Senior United States Security Coordinator, and James D. Wolfensohn, Quartet Special Envoy for Gaza Disengagement.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a signing ceremony for the Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, snow melt, and ice jams on March 29–May 3.

June 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced the nomination of John O. Agwunobi to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health.

The President announced the nomination of James Cain to be Ambassador to Denmark.

The President announced the nomination of Keith E. Eastin to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment.

The President announced the nomination of A.J. Eggenberger to be a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The President announced the nomination of Terrell Halaska to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Cultural Affairs.

The President announced the nomination of Kim Kendrick to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

The President announced the nomination of Ronald E. Meisburg to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

The President announced the nomination of Robert A. Mosbacher, Jr. to be president of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced the nomination of Julie L. Myers to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

The President announced the nomination of Patrick M. O’Brien to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Finance.

The President announced the nomination of Peter Schaumber to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The President announced the nomination of Kristen Silverberg to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.
The President announced his intention to nominate Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer to be Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Langdale to be Ambassador to Costa Rica.

The President announced the designation of Joseph Timothy Kelliher as Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The President announced the designation of Stephen D. Galvan as Acting Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

The President announced the designation of Cynthia A. Glassman as Acting Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The President announced the designation of Arthur F. Rosenfeld as Acting General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.