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I look back upon her years of service and the extraordinary job she has done to ensure effective American engagement in the world.

No one knows better than Ambassador Raiser the amount of planning and the attention to detail that goes into our Nation's foreign policy. And no one has done more to make the conduct of that policy professional, precise, and smooth. From the war-torn streets of Sarajevo to Denver's gleaming city center, Ambassador Raiser brought elegance and energy to the business of foreign affairs and set a standard for all who worked with her. She made foreign guests feel welcome when they visited the United States and helped me feel at home whenever I traveled abroad. She represented me and the interests of our Nation with insight, judgment, and grace.

I extend Ambassador Raiser my warmest thanks for a job well done, and wish her every possible success in all her future endeavors.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

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

June 28

The President announced his intention to appoint Norman J. Ornstein and Leslie Moonves as Cochairs of the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters.

June 29

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to the White House from a weekend stay at Camp David, MD.

June 30

In the morning, the President traveled to Boston, MA. He traveled to New York City in the afternoon, and returned to Washington, DC, after midnight.

The President announced the nomination of Wendy Ruth Sherman to be Counselor of the Department of State with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his nomination of Maura Harty to be Ambassador to Paraguay.

The President announced his nomination of Curtis Warren Kamman to be Ambassador to Colombia.

The President announced his nomination of Anne Marie Sigmund to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

The President announced his nomination of Daniel V. Speckhard to be Ambassador to Belarus.

July 1

The White House announced that the President promoted J. Terry Edmonds to the position of Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Speechwriting.

The White House announced that the President promoted Stephanie S. Streett to the position of Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Scheduling.

The White House announced that the President promoted Michael Waldman to be Assistant to the President and Director of Speechwriting.

The White House announced that the President appointed Paul Begala as Assistant to the President and Counselor to the President, a role he will assume in August.

The White House announced that the President named Sidney Blumenthal as Assistant to the President as part of the communications team, which he will join in August.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Eduard Shevardnadze of Georgia at the White House on July 18.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Heydar Aliyev of Azerbaijan at the White House on August 1.

July 2

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Baltimore, MD, where he met with Baltimore Orioles and Philadelphia Phillies players at Oriole Park at Camden Yards before attending the game. Following the game, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President and Hillary Clinton will depart for

Spain on the evening of July 4, and that they will have a private visit with King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain in Palma de Mallorca on July 7. They then will travel to Madrid, where the President will participate in the NATO Summit, July 8–9.

The President announced the nomination of Gordon D. Giffin to be Ambassador to Canada.

The President announced the nomination of James F. Mack to be Ambassador to Guyana.

July 3

The President announced his intention to nominate Hershel Gober to be Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rita D. Hayes as Deputy U.S. Trade Representative in Geneva.

The White House announced that the President has accepted the invitation of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark to stay at her summer palace, following his arrival in Denmark on July 11. He will meet with the Prime Minister and address the people of Denmark on July 12.

The White House announced that on July 17, the President will address the 88th annual convention of the NAACP in Pittsburgh, PA, and the national convention of the National Association of Black Journalists in Chicago, IL.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released June 30

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, National Economic Adviser Gene Sperling, Office of Management and Budget Director Franklin Raines, and Council of Economic Advisers Chair Janet Yellen on the President's tax cut proposal

Released July 1

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the upcoming visit of President Eduard Shevardnadze of Georgia

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the upcoming visit of President Heydar Aliyev of Azerbaijan

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the appointment of Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Scheduling

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the appointment of Assistant to the President and Counselor to the President

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the appointment of Assistant to the President, Communications Team

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the appointment of Assistant to the President and Director of Speechwriting

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the appointment of Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Speechwriting

Announcement of actions to promote electronic commerce around the world

Released July 2

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger, Secretary of Defense William Cohen, and Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott on the upcoming NATO Summit in Madrid, Spain

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing the President's upcoming visit to Spain for the NATO Summit

Released July 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry