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Kong have done and the price that has been paid to stabilize the situation.

So let us look forward to the future with all its vitality and all of its unpredictable events. Some will be difficult, but most will be very good, if, as I said to President Jiang, we stay on the right side of history.

Thank you very much.

Chief Executive Tung. Mr. President, I'd like to propose a toast to your health, to Hillary's health, and to the people of the United States of America.

[*At this point, a toast was offered.*]

President Clinton. And I, sir, would like to propose a toast to you and Mrs. Tung, to the people of Hong Kong, and to the future of our rich friendship.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 10:05 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Government House. In his remarks, he referred to Betty Tung, wife of Hong Kong Chief Executive Tung. Mr. Tung referred to Vice Premier Qian Qichen of China. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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 27

In the morning, the President participated in a welcoming ceremony with President Jiang Zemin of China in the courtyard at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

In the afternoon, the President had a working lunch with Premier Zhu Rongji of China.

June 28

In the morning, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton toured the Forbidden City. In the afternoon, they traveled to the Great Wall at Mutianyu, and later, they returned to Beijing.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a dinner with President Jiang and his wife, Wang Yeping, at the Zhongnanhai Government Compound.

June 29

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled to Shanghai.

June 30

In the morning, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton toured the Shanghai Library.

The President declared a major disaster in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes on June 24 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on June 17 and continuing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Patrick John Finn to be Ambassador to Tajikistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Shattuck to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

July 1

In the morning, the President visited an Internet cafe. In the afternoon, he toured the Shanghai Stock Exchange and attended a luncheon for young entrepreneurs.

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 tornadoes beginning on June 26 and continuing.

July 2

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Guilin. In the afternoon, they took a cruise on the Li River, docking for a brief tour of Yucun village and then continuing the cruise to Yangshou. Later, they returned to Guilin.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Hong Kong. Later, the President met with Hong Kong Chief Executive C.H. Tung in the dining room of the Government House.

The Vice President announced that the President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on June 13 and continuing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bert T. Edwards to be Chief Financial Officer at the State Department.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ann Lewis and Beth Newburger as Cochairs to the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History and the following individuals as members: Johnnetta B. Cole, J. Michael Cook, Barbara Goldsmith, Ladonna Harris, Gloria Johnson, Elaine Kim, Ellen Ochoa, Frances Preston, and Anna Roosevelt.

The President announced his intention to accord the personal rank of Ambassador to Ronald D. Godard in his capacity as Special Representative to the Inter-American Council of Integral Development at the General Assembly of the Organization of American States.

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 and flooding beginning on June 13 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in New Mexico and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area threatened by extreme fire hazards on June 29 and continuing.

The Vice President announced that the President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on June 12 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items not covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released June 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry, National Security Adviser Samuel Berger, and National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling on the President's visit to China

Fact sheet: Achievements of U.S.-China Summit

Released June 29

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by NSC Senior Director for Asian Affairs Sandy Kristoff, NSC Director for Asian Affairs Jeff Bader, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs Stanley Roth, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Susan Shirk on the President's visit to China

Transcript of a press briefing by Special Representative for Presidential Rule of Law Initiative Paul Gewirtz, Peace Corps Director Mark Gearan, Assistant Secretary of Energy Robert Gee, and Professor Alan Turley on the President's visit to China

Released June 30

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry, Secretary of Commerce Bill Daley, and Special Assistant to the President for International Economic Policy Lael Brainard on the President's visit to Shanghai, China

Statement by the Press Secretary: Death of U.N. Special Representative to Angola Maitre Beye

Released July 1

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry and Deputy National Security Adviser Jim Steinberg on the President's visit to China