

I am extremely satisfied with the present state of relations between the two countries. We are meeting in close coordination on all issues—on economic issues, as well as security issues. And I do hope that this close cooperation sends a clear message to North Korea.

Thank you very much.

Q. Thank you.

President Clinton. Thank you all.

President's Plans for the Fourth of July

Q. What are you doing for the Fourth of July?

President Clinton. We're going to be around here, watch the fireworks on The Mall.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:18 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom; Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland; and Gen. John de Chastelain, Canadian Defense Forces, member and chair, Independent International Commission on Decommissioning. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Radio Remarks on the Observance of Independence Day, 1999

July 2, 1999

This weekend, as we celebrate the 223d anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the birthday of our great Nation, let us reflect on what it means to be an American.

Let us remember the visionaries, the patriots, and the soldiers who were inspired by a single ideal, that we are all created equal. And let us strive to honor that ideal today and every day by building a world where every individual can make the most of his or her talents and know what it truly means to live and breathe free.

On this, the last Independence Day of the 20th century, Hillary and I wish you a happy and memorable Fourth of July.

NOTE: The President's remarks were recorded at approximately 1 p.m. on June 29 in the Cabinet Room at the White House for later broadcast on the Fourth of July. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 2. These remarks were also made available on the

White House Press Office Radio Actuality Line. 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 25

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton went to Camp David, MD.

June 27

In the evening, the President returned to the White House.

June 28

In the morning, the President traveled to Westport, CT, and in the afternoon, he traveled to New York City.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Monroe Miles to be Ambassador to Bulgaria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael E. Ranneberger to be Ambassador to Mali.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carl Spielvogel to be Ambassador to Slovakia.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister John Howard of Australia for a working luncheon on July 12.

June 29

The President announced his intention to nominate Barbro A. Owens-Kirkpatrick to be Ambassador to Niger.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles A. Blanchard to be General Counsel of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol DiBattiste to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to appoint Anita Borg as a member of the Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and Technology.

June 30

In the morning, the President traveled to Chicago, IL, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President had two separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom concerning the Northern Ireland peace process.

The President announced his intention to appoint Patricia Gallup to the Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission.

July 1

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom concerning the Northern Ireland peace process.

In the evening, the President attended the U.S. versus Germany Women's World Cup soccer game at Jack Kent Cooke Stadium in Landover, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Phillip R. Anderson to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Cohen to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate James B. Cunningham to be U.S. Deputy Representative to the United Nations, with rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

The President announced his intention to nominate Earl E. Devaney to be Inspector General at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harriet L. Elam to be Ambassador to Senegal.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Richard Fredericks to be Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

The President announced his intention to nominate Barbara J. Griffiths to be Ambassador to Iceland.

The President announced the nomination of Curt Hebert, Jr., to be a member of the Federal Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory Lee Johnson to be Ambassador to Swaziland.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jimmy J. Kolker to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan Ness to be member of the Federal Communications Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sylvia Gaye Stanfield to be Ambassador to Brunei.

The President announced his intention to nominate Clifford Gregory Stewart to be General Counsel at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Raymond D. Nasher as member of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

July 2

In the afternoon, the President participated in a swearing-in ceremony in the Oval Office for newly appointed Secretary of the Treasury Lawrence H. Summers.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted June 28

Richard Monroe Miles,
of South Carolina, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Michael Edward Ranneberger,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mali.

Carl Spielvogel,
of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Slovak Republic.