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In an afternoon ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Arman Kirakossian of Armenia, Maleeha Lodhi of Pakistan, Faida Mitifu of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Idriss Jazairy of Algeria, David Ivy of Israel, Paul T.S. Kandiero of Malawi, Gunter Burghardt of the European Commission, Guillermo Gonzalez of Argentina, John Paul Bojang of Gambia, Michael J. Thawley of Australia, and Kostyantyn Gryshchenko of Ukraine.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger A. Meece to be Ambassador to Malawi.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald E. Neumann to be Ambassador to Bahrain.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rust Macpherson Deming to be Ambassador to Tunisia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Nikki McCray and Ken Preminger as members of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

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The President announced his intention to appoint Diana S. Natalicio as a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Colleen M. Kelley as a member of the Federal Salary Council.

The White House announced that the President has invited King Juan Carlos I of Spain for a state visit to Washington on February 23.

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 January 31

Nicholas P. Godici,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, vice Philip G. Hampton II.

Richard Court Houseworth,
of Arizona, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring December 25, 2001, vice Joseph H. Neely, resigned.

Donna Tanoue,
of Hawaii, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of 6 years (reappointment).

Scott O. Wright,
of Missouri, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring December 10, 2003, vice Joseph E. Stevens, Jr.

Submitted February 1

Nathan O. Hatch,
of Indiana, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006, vice John Haughton D'Arms, resigned.

Ross L. Wilson,
of Maryland, 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 Azerbaijan.

Submitted February 2

Karl William Hofmann,
of Maryland, 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 Togolese Republic.

Susan S. Jacobs,
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 Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Janet A. Sanderson,
of Arizona, 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 Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.

John F. Tefft,
of Virginia, 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 Lithuania.

Thomas G. Weston,
of Michigan, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus.

Lauress L. Wise II,
of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics for a term expiring June 21, 2003, vice Pascal D. Forgione, Jr., term expired.

Donald Y. Yamamoto,
of New York, 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 Djibouti.

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 February 1

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Jake Siewert and NSC Spokesman David Leavy

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the President's upcoming visit to South Asia

Fact sheet: Export Controls on Computers

Released February 2

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling and Special Assistant to the President Tom Kalil on the digital divide

Advance text of remarks by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger on China [1]

Released February 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Released February 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by Treasury Secretary Larry Summers, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Planning Bruce Reed, ATF Director Brad Buckles, and Treasury Under Secretary for Enforcement Jim Johnson on the gun crimes initiative

Statement by the Press Secretary: State Visit by King Juan Carlos I of Spain

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.

[1] This item was embargoed for release until 12:30 p.m. on February 2.