

election year they get to be in control again. And so, if you notice, like when I went to campaign for Mr. Street in Philadelphia, a place that has been enormously good to me, I was very careful in what I said to the voters. I said, you shouldn't be for him because I am, but you know, I'm your friend; here are my reasons; I hope you'll listen to my reasons and make up your own mind. It's a very delicate thing. I've watched this for years.

I remember once, Jim Brady's old boss, President Reagan, in '84, when he was winning every vote in America, came to Arkansas and made an appearance for my opponent. And afterward, on Election Day, he got 62 percent of the vote, so did I. [*Laughter*] So you have to be—you've got to be humble in these things and just sort of show up for work every day.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:40 a.m. in the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Mr. Brady's wife, Sarah Brady, chair, Handgun Control, Inc.; former White House Press Secretaries Michael McCurry, Larry M. Speakes, J.F. terHorst, and Pierre E.G. Salinger; and Mayor John F. Street of Philadelphia, PA. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of former Press Secretary James Brady, Sarah Brady, and Press Secretary Joe Lockhart. James S. Brady, former White House Press Secretary, was wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan.

Statement on Peacekeeping Efforts in East Timor

February 11, 2000

Over the last several months, the United States has worked with our partners in Southeast Asia to help East Timor in its transition to independence and peace. I am proud we were able to support the efforts of the Australian-led INTERFET force, which has brought security and hope to East Timor. With its mission accomplished, INTERFET is now handing responsibility to a U.N. peacekeeping mission, through which the countries of the region will once again provide the vast majority of troops.

Today I am announcing that the United States will continue to support our friends and allies in this important endeavor. A small

number of U.S. officers will serve as observers in the U.N. mission. As part of their normal exercises, other U.S. personnel will contribute to humanitarian efforts, such as rebuilding schools and restoring medical services. These efforts will complement our financial contributions to the peacekeeping operation, as well as humanitarian and development assistance to East Timor that will total over \$70 million this year. We will also continue to stand by Indonesia as it continues its hopeful democratic transformation.

In this way, we will contribute to the birth of two new democracies in a region where freedom and tolerance are taking root. And we will bolster the ability and willingness of the countries in that region to take the lead in building peace.

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.

February 5

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Chappaqua, NY.

February 7

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he traveled to Hot Springs, VA, where he attended the 2000 House Democratic Issues Conference. In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mary Lou Leary as Acting Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Justice Programs at the Department of Justice.

February 8

The President announced his intention to nominate Donna Jean Hrinak to be Ambassador to Venezuela.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas Alan Hartwick to be Ambassador to Laos.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christopher R. Hill to be Ambassador to Poland.

The President announced his intention to nominate John R. Dinger to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary Ann Peters to be Ambassador to Bangladesh.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christopher A. McLean to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service at the Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Martin O'Keefe to be Ambassador to Kyrgyz Republic.

February 9

In the morning, the President traveled to McAllen, TX.

In the evening, the President traveled to Dallas, TX, and later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donnie R. Marshall to be Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael J. Senko to be Ambassador to the Marshall Islands and to Kiribati.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alan D. Solomont to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Danny Lee McDonald and Bradley A. Smith to be Commissioners on the Federal Election Commission.

February 10

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward William Gnehm, Jr., to be Ambassador to Australia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel A. Johnson to be Ambassador to Suriname.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald D. Godard to be Ambassador to Guyana.

The President announced his intention to appoint Valerie Crotty as a member of the Commission on President Scholars.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jane Macon as a member to the National Selective Service Appeals Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Haim Saban as a member of the President's Export Council.

The White House announced that the President asked Energy Secretary Bill Richardson to take new measures to address the critical situation involving home heating oil, and that he directed Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to release additional funding in Low Income Home Energy Assistance emergency funds for States, territories, and tribes due to continuing increases in home heating fuel prices this winter.

February 11

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas N. Slonaker to be Special Trustee for American Indians at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to nominate E. Ashley Wills to be Ambassador to Sri Lanka and to Maldives.

The White House announced that the President announced import relief for the U.S. line pipe industry.

The White House announced that the President announced import relief for the U.S. steel wire rod industry.

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 February 7

Carey Cavanaugh, of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh and New Independent States Regional Conflicts.