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It is my sincere hope that in the coming weeks, we can work together to address our common goal of closing the gun show loophole and ensuring that our nation's gun laws are fully enforced without weakening current gun laws in the process. Neither of us is interested in a compromise that would serve only to jeopardize public safety and the effectiveness of law enforcement. I look forward to working with you to pass this commonsense legislation, and I encourage you to continue urging Chairman Hatch to allow the conferees to meet and consider this legislation. As you have stated, our efforts will come to nothing until that happens. Only by allowing an open and honest debate in conference and by working out our differences can we do right by the American people on this vital issue. We owe it to the families of Littleton, and the thousands more who lose their lives in gunfire each year in America, to get this done now.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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.

April 14*

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

April 15

In the afternoon, the President traveled from Palo Alto, CA, to Bakersfield, CA, where he had a telephone conversation with President-elect Vladimir Putin of Russia.

*This release was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

In the evening, the President traveled to Beverly Hills, CA, and later he returned to Palo Alto, CA.

April 17

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Shiprock, NM, and in the evening, he traveled to Albuquerque, NM.

The White House announced that the President will visit Portugal on May 30–June 1, Germany on June 1–3, Russia on June 4–5, and Ukraine on June 6.

April 18

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

April 19

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom from the Oval Office.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oklahoma City, OK, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

April 21

In the afternoon, the President was interviewed at the White House by representatives of the Department of Justice Campaign Finance Task Force.

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 nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.