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working under extremely dangerous conditions to protect the public and our lands from the threat of these wildfires.

Today I am announcing that the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, in conjunction with the Office of Personnel Management, will take immediate steps to make available as many as 2,000 Federal personnel for vital management and supervisory positions to support our firefighting efforts. Additional managers and supervisors are needed to ensure additional firefighting crews have the proper supervision and management support that they need in the field. This action will immediately authorize individuals working long, stressful hours to be compensated appropriately. Our Nation owes a great debt of gratitude to these firefighters, managers, and their loved ones who sacrifice their energy and risk their lives in service to their country. It is our responsibility, in turn, to do all we can to protect and support them.

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.

August 20

The President and Hillary Clinton traveled from Lake Placid to Chappaqua, NY.

August 21

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC.

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 and flooding July 29 through August 2.

August 22

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Bingham Farms, MI.

In the evening, the President traveled to Bloomfield Hills, MI, and later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will attend the United Nations Millennium Summit in New York City on September 6–8.

August 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Monmouth Junction, NJ, where he met with students and teachers in Mobile Classroom 103 of Crossroads Middle School.

In the evening, he traveled to Princeton and Cherry Hill, NJ. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

August 24

The President announced his intention to appoint Trudie Kibbe Reed as a member of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kevin J. Conlon as a member of the Advisory Committee on Expanding Training Opportunities.

August 25

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Abuja, Nigeria.

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.

Released August 22

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the President's upcoming visit to New York City September 6–8 to take part in the United Nations Millennium Summit

Released August 24

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Jake Siewert

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger on the President's upcoming visits to Nigeria, Tanzania, and Colombia

Acts Approved by the President

Approved August 19

H.R. 3519 / Public Law 106–264
Global AIDS and Tuberculosis Relief Act of 2000