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The White House announced that the President will welcome President Jorge Batlle of Uruguay to Washington, DC, on February 15.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Chairman Hamid Karzai of the Interim Authority of Afghanistan to Washington, DC, on January 28.

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In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Eduardo Alberto Duhalde of Argentina to discuss the economic situation in Argentina. He also had CIA and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President met in the Roosevelt Room with members of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security to thank them for their efforts in the past year. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President welcomes the visit of Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany to Washington, DC, on January 31.

The White House announced that the President announced that the White House will once again be open to tours, beginning on a limited basis in early February, for school groups.

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 January 12

Statement by the Press Secretary: Pakistani President Musharraf's Speech

Released January 14

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Elections in Madagascar

Released January 15

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 1202, S. 1714, S. 1741, and S. 1793

Released January 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2278, H.R. 2336, H.R. 2751, H.R. 3030, H.R. 3248, H.R. 3334, H.R. 3346, and H.R. 3348

Statement by the Press Secretary on appointments to the President's Council on Bioethics

Advance text of the President's remarks to World Affairs Council

Fact sheet: U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement (English and Spanish versions)

Released January 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Chairman Karzai to Washington

Statement by the Press Secretary: Uruguayan President Jorge Batlle To Visit Washington

Fact sheet: President Bush Acts To Promote Strong Families, Safe Children

Fact sheet: Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act (LIBERTAD)

Released January 18

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer