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February 11

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Ali Abdallah Salih of Yemen to discuss cooperation against terrorism. Later, he had intelligence briefings.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Milwaukee, WI, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

February 12

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss the situation in the Middle East. Later, he had CIA, FBI, and homeland security briefings, and met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President received the annual report of the Boy Scouts of America in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tony P. Hall to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced that Ron Haskins has joined the White House on a temporary and part-time basis as Senior Advisor for Welfare Policy.

February 13

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings and then met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President met with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

February 14

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Viktor Orban of Hungary to express his appreciation for Hungary's efforts to combat terrorism. He also had a telephone conversation with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain, in his capacity as President of the European Union, concerning global climate change.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence briefings.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Silver Spring, MD, and later returned to Washington, DC.

Later in the afternoon, in a ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Molelekeng Rapolaki of Lesotho, Tertius Zongo of Burkina Faso, Armando A. Panguene of Mozambique, John Wood of New Zealand, Syed Hasan Ahmad of Bangladesh, Jai Pratap Rana of Nepal, Elena Poptodorova of Bulgaria, Soemadi Djoko Moerdjono Brotodiningrat of Indonesia, and Diego Ramiro Guelar of Argentina.

In the evening, in the East Room, the President participated in the filming of a television production honoring gospel music, for future broadcast on the PAX network.

The President announced his intention to appoint John LeRoy Henderson as a member of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

February 15

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines concerning cooperation against terrorism. Later, he had intelligence briefings and met with the National Security Council. He then met with President Jorge Batlle of Uruguay in the Oval Office.

The White House announced that, in the morning, the White House was reopened to tours for school groups.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeremy H.G. Ibrahim and David B. Rivkin, Jr., to be members of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Council on the Arts: Maribeth McGinley, David Gelernter, Deedie Potter Rose, Don V. Cogman, Katharine DeWitt, and Teresa Lozano Long.

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.

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John B. Brown III,
of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement, vice Julio F. Mercado, resigned.

Eric F. Melgren,
of Kansas, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of 4 years, vice Randall K. Rathbun, resigned.

James W. Pardew,
of Arkansas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Leslie Silverman,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the remainder of the term expiring July 1, 2003, vice Ida L. Castro, resigned.

Sally Stroup,
of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, vice A. Lee Fritschler, resigned.

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Don V. Cogman,
of Connecticut, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006, vice Patrick Davidson, term expired.

Katharine DeWitt,
of Ohio, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006, vice William P. Foster, resigned.

Gregory Allyn Forest,
of North Carolina, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of 4 years, vice Walter Baker Edmisten, term expired.

David Gelernter,
of Connecticut, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006, vice Hsin-Ming Fung.

Amy Apfel Kass,
of Illinois, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004, vice Mary D. Hubbard.

Andrew Ladis,
of Georgia, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006, vice Vicki L. Ruiz.

Wright L. Lassiter, Jr.,
of Texas, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006, vice Nina M. Archabal.

Teresa Lozano Long,
of Texas, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006, vice Terry Evans, term expired.

Maribeth McGinley,
of California, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006, vice Ronnie Feuerstein Heyman, term expired.

Richard Monroe Miles,
of South Carolina, 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 Georgia.

James R. Stoner, Jr.,
of Louisiana, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006, vice Betty G. Bengtson.

Peter Terpeluk, Jr.,
of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Luxembourg.

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.