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***February 19***

In the morning, the President had a breakfast meeting with Japanese businessmen at the U.S. Ambassador's residence.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a luncheon hosted by Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko of Japan at the Imperial Palace.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Seoul, South Korea, where they participated in an arrival ceremony. They then went to the U.S. Embassy, where they greeted employees and their families.

***February 20***

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a welcoming ceremony at the Blue House, the residence of President Kim Dae-jung of South Korea.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Observation Post Ouellette in the Demilitarized Zone, where he toured the facilities and had lunch with U.S. soldiers. He then traveled to Dorasan, and later returned to Seoul.

***February 21***

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Beijing, China, where they participated in an arrival ceremony at the Great Hall of the People.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with U.S. Ambassador to China Clark T. Randt, Jr., and his wife, Sarah, at the St. Regis Hotel. Later, he greeted U.S. Embassy staff and their families at the hotel.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a dinner hosted by President Jiang Zemin of China at the Great Hall of the People.

The White House announced that Zalmay Khalilzad, the President's Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Special Assistant to the President for Southwest Asia, the Near East, and North Africa, will travel to Afghanistan on February 20–25.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Islom Karimov of Uzbekistan to the White House on March 12.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark to Washington on March 25.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Council on the Humanities: Naomi Shihab Nye; Wilfred M. McClay; Michael Pack; James R. Stoner, Jr.; Andrew Ladis; Amy Apfel Kass; Celeste Colgan; Thomas Mallon; and Wright L. Lassiter, Jr.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles M. Younger, Gilbert S. Baca, and Marsha Johnson Evans to be members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy.

***February 22***

In the morning, the President had a working breakfast with Premier Zhu Rongji of China at the Diaoyutai State Guest House.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a luncheon hosted by President Jiang at the Zhongnanhai Compound. Following the luncheon, they toured the Great Wall of China.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to Washington on March 2–6.

## 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.