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Home Energy Assistance Program of the Department of Health and Human Services. These funds will enable the Department to address the needs of low-income households in 33 States and the District of Columbia experiencing hotter than normal weather conditions.

I designate the $100 million made available today as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 8.

Statement on the Terrorist Attacks in Colombia

August 8, 2002

On behalf of the people of the United States, I offer sympathy and condolences to the families of those murdered and to those injured by the terrorists in Colombia. I condemn these heinous acts. The terrorists in Colombia have made their goals clear: to kill the aspirations of the Colombian people for a free, prosperous, and democratic state. Through violence against innocents, the terrorists seek the destruction of the democratically elected Government of Colombia. The United States stands with the people of Colombia in their struggle against terror, and we support President Uribe's efforts to bring the murderers to justice.

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 3

In the afternoon, the President traveled from the Bush family home on Walker's Point in Kennebunkport, ME, to Prout's Neck, ME. Later, he returned to Kennebunkport.

August 5

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he traveled to Pittsburgh, PA, where, upon his arrival at Pittsburgh International Airport, he met with volunteers from the Jumpstart tutoring program. He then traveled to Green Tree, PA, where, at the Green Tree Volunteer Fire Department, he met privately with nine coal miners rescued from a flooded mine in Somerset, PA, on July 28, and members of their families. Later, he returned to Pittsburgh.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the White House, he met with the National Security Council.

The President announced his intention to nominate Maura Ann Harty to be Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint Michael Gibson and Leon Owens as members of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Brown v. Board of Education 50th Anniversary Commission: Charles Henry Toliver IV; Daniel Dale Holt; Joseph Armstrong DeLaine, Jr.; Lacy Bennett Ward, Jr.; Haywood Patrick Swygert; Littleton Purnell Mitchell; Jesse Milan, Sr.; Josephine Angela Robertson; Carolyn Nichelle Sawyer; and Benjamin William Robertson.

August 6

In the morning, the President traveled to Bethesda, MD, where he had his annual physical examination at Bethesda National Naval Medical Center. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had intelligence briefings. He also had a telephone conversation with President Jorge Batlle of

Uruguay to express support for economic recovery efforts in Uruguay.

The President announced the recess appointment of Thomas Dorr as Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

The President announced the recess appointment of Thomas Dorr as a member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The President announced the recess appointment of Cheryl Halpern as a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The President announced the recess appointment of Suzanne Marshall as Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

The President announced the recess appointment of William Scott Railton as a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced the recess appointment of Al Casey as a member of the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors.

The President announced the recess appointment of Tony Hammond as a member of the Postal Rate Commission.

August 7

In the morning, the President traveled to Jackson, MS. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had intelligence briefings. Upon his arrival in Jackson, he met with 18-year-old Star Wallin, founder of the Project CARE volunteer organization. He then traveled to Madison, MS, where he participated in a roundtable discussion in the art lab at Madison Central High School on the national economy, medical liability, protecting workers' pensions, and other issues. Later, he returned to Jackson.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President declared a major disaster in the Northern Mariana Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Typhoon Chata'an on July 4–5.

August 9

In the morning, the President had a videoconference with national security advisers. Later, he had telephone conversations with economic advisers.

The President announced his intention to designate Julie Nixon Eisenhower as Chairman of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President announced his intention to designate Vance D. Coffman as Chairman of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to designate F. Duane Ackerman as Vice Chairman of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

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 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Claire Buchan

Fact sheet: Committed to Keeping America's Children Safe

Released August 6

Transcript of a press gaggle by Principal Deputy Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1209 and S.J. Res. 13

Released August 7

Transcript of a press gaggle by Principal Deputy Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to the Northern Mariana Islands