

citizens and property. United States forces will redeploy as soon as it is determined that this mission is completed.

I have taken this action pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct U.S. foreign relations and as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive. I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution.

I appreciate the support of the Congress in this action in Cote d'Ivoire.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Robert C. Byrd, President pro tempore of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 27.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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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.

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### **September 22**

In the afternoon, the President returned from Camp David, MD, to Washington, DC. Later, he hosted a tee-ball game on the South Lawn of the White House.

### **September 23**

In the morning, the President traveled to Trenton, NJ.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Askar Akayev of Kyrgyzstan.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robin Jennison as U.S. Representative and Chairman of the Arkansas River Compact Administration (Colorado and Kansas).

The President announced his intention to appoint George Butvilas and Richard

Ochsner as members of the National Veteran Business Development Corporation.

### **September 24**

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings. Later, in an Oval Office ceremony, he signed H.R. 3917, the Flight 93 National Memorial Act.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in a meeting with National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and a group of women government officials from Afghanistan who were in Washington, DC, to attend a U.S.-Afghan Women's Council training program.

The President announced his intention to appoint Zoraida Fonalledas as a member of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

### **September 25**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Kim Dae-jung of South Korea to discuss security issues between North and South Korea and the situation in Iraq. Later, he had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with the National Security Council.

Also in the morning, the President met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson and Mark B. McClellan, nominee to be Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

In the afternoon, the President met with Members of Congress to discuss energy legislation. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with members of the Boys and Girls Club of America Youth of the Year finalists.

Later in the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Karim Tawfiq Kawar of Jordan, Franciskus van Daele of Belgium, Alpha Oumar Rafiou Barry of Guinea, Essa Bokarr Sey of Gambia, Ashraf Jehangir Qazi of Pakistan, Hugo Guiliani Cury of the Dominican Republic, Noel Fahey of Ireland, and Andras Simonyi of Hungary.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark B. McClellan to be Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on September 20.

### **September 26**

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings. He then met with the board of directors of the Newspaper Association of America. Later, he participated in a swearing-in ceremony for Lex Frieden as Chairman of the National Council on Disability.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Houston, TX, and in the evening, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Fay on September 6 and continuing.

### **September 27**

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings. Later, he traveled to Denver, CO. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Jacques Chirac of France to express appreciation for French assistance in rescuing American students in the Ivory Coast and to discuss the status of a United Nations resolution concerning Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Phoenix, AZ.

The President announced his intention to appoint Alec Poitevint as Federal Commissioner of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact Commission and Alternate Federal Commissioner of the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa Basin Compact Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Drayton Nabers as Federal Commissioner of the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa Basin Compact Commission and Alternate Federal Commissioner of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact Commission.

The President declared a major disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the

area struck by Tropical Storm Isidore beginning on September 21 and continuing.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

### **Submitted September 24**

Alan G. Lance, Sr., of Idaho, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of 13 years, vice Frank Quill Nebeker, resigned.

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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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 September 23**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of remarks by Vice President Dick Cheney at a lunch for congressional candidate Adam Taff

Announcement of nominations for U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut and U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia

### **Released September 24**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Announcement of nomination for a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims