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Statement on the Death of Steve Young

January 10, 2003

Laura and I are saddened by the news of the passing of Steve Young, national president of the Fraternal Order of Police. Steve made important contributions to our country as a police officer, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, and as a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council. Steve was a true hero for his dedication to ensuring the safety of our communities. He was a great friend and an honorable and loyal man.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

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.

January 4

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 5

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

January 6

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe ice storm on December 3–4, 2002.

The President declared a major disaster in the Federated States of Micronesia and ordered Federal aid to supplement national and State recovery efforts in the area struck by Typhoon Pongsona on December 5–7, 2002.

January 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Chicago, IL. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Steven I. Cooper as Chief Information Officer at the Department of Homeland Security.

January 8

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

In the afternoon, the President met with members of the Commission on Excellence in Special Education.

The White House announced that the President will host President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland for lunch on January 14 to discuss key bilateral issues including the situation in Iraq and cooperation against terrorism.

The President declared a major disaster in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe ice storm on December 4–6, 2002.

January 9

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He then traveled to Alexandria, VA, where he participated in a roundtable discussion on economic issues at the National Capital Flag Company. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

The President announced the appointment of Otto J. Reich as Special Envoy for Western Hemisphere Initiatives.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger Francisco Noriega to be Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul McHale to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christopher Ryan Henry to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.