

and disrupt their plots before they attack. Our country works closely with every nation committed to this fight, and we will continue to help our allies and friends improve their ability to fight terror.

The war against global terror will be hard and long. Today, terror cells exist on nearly every continent and in dozens of countries, including our own. Victory will depend on the courage, strength, and fortitude of America's people and our partners around the world. It will be measured through the steady, patient work of dismantling terror networks and bringing terrorists to justice, oftentimes one by one. Our Nation is unalterably committed to protecting our citizens, routing terror wherever it exists, and building a safer, better world of greater opportunity and freedom for all peoples. We will not rest until we succeed.

NOTE: This statement was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on February 14 but was embargoed for release until 4 p.m.

Statement on the National Strategy To Secure Cyberspace and the National Strategy for the Physical Protection of Critical Infrastructures and Key Assets

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The National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace and the National Strategy for the Physical Protection of Critical Infrastructures and Key Assets will help us protect America from those who would do us harm, whether through physical destruction or by attacking our infrastructures through cyberspace.

These strategies recognize that the majority of our critical assets and infrastructures, such as those in the banking, telecommunications, energy, and transportation sectors, are privately owned and operated. The strategies outline Federal efforts and State and local roles in securing the Nation's critical infrastructures and identify opportunities for partnership with the private sector. The Department of Homeland Security will take the lead in accomplishing many of the objectives of these strategies. Other departments and agencies also have important roles to play.

I encourage everyone, government at all levels, industry, and private citizens to continue to work together to make our Nation secure.

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.

February 8

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

February 9

In the morning, the President traveled to White Sulphur Springs, WV, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

February 10

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark to thank him for his support for efforts to disarm the Iraqi regime.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Nashville, TN, where, upon arrival, he met with volunteer Sherry Jean Williams. Later, at the Opryland Hotel, he participated in a roundtable discussion on his Faith-Based Initiative with participants of the Campus for Human Development program.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Reno L. Harnish to be Ambassador to Azerbaijan.

February 11

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines to discuss President Arroyo's April 2 state visit, cooperation against terror, the situation in Iraq, and proposed legislation in the Philippines to combat money-laundering. He also had

separate telephone conversations with President Jose Eduardo dos Santos of Angola to discuss the situation in Iraq, and Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the situation in Iraq and military support for Turkey as a member of NATO.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, the President met with Senate Republicans to discuss economic initiatives. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Lucio Gutierrez Borbua of Ecuador to discuss support for democracy in Ecuador, counternarcotics efforts, and trade.

During the day, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received the annual reports of the Boy Scouts of America.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars: Fernando Augusto Mateo, Charlotte Mohr, Robert Dolph Ray, and Renee Russell.

February 12

In the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle to discuss the war on terrorism, the situation in Iraq, and proposed fiscal year 2003 budget legislation. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Alexandria, VA, where he participated in a roundtable discussion with small investors at the Charles Schwab Corporation.

The President announced his intention to designate Shannon Davis Henderson as Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation: Patricia Clarey, Dinkerrai Desai, Arturo Duran, Jane Gardner, and Patricia McDonauld.

February 13

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he traveled to Jacksonville, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with Senior Chief Arden Battle, USN, who is active in local volunteer efforts.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with troops aboard the U.S.S. *Philippine Sea* at Naval Station Mayport. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will be joined by President Vaira Vike-Freiberga of Latvia in participating in the White House Forum on American History, Civics and Service on February 17.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Paul Kagame of Rwanda to the White House on March 4.

The President announced his intention to nominate Heather M. Hodges to be Ambassador to Moldova.

February 14

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Siim Kallas of Estonia to discuss the situation in Iraq. He also had a telephone conversation with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to discuss the war on terror and the situations in South Asia and Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with the National Security Council. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Yasar Yakis and Minister of State Ali Babacan of Turkey.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

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.
