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March 26

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

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, FL, where, at the U.S. Central Command Joint Intelligence Center, the President had briefings about military action against Iraq and the war against terror.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with U.S. military personnel at MacDill Air Force Base.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD. In the evening, the President had dinner with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

March 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President met with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and Secretary of State Colin Powell to discuss military action against Iraq, humanitarian relief and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and the role of the United Nations in Iraq. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles W. Grim to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Public Health Service.

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm, record/near record snowfall, heavy rain, flooding, and mudslides on February 15–28.

The President declared an emergency in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 17–18.

The President declared an emergency in Rhode Island and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 17–18.

The President declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by an ice storm on February 27–28.

March 28

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. He also had a telephone conversation with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain to discuss events in Iraq.

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.

Submitted March 24

John E. Buchanan, Jr.,
of Oregon, to be a member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2006, vice Ruth Y. Tamura, term expired.

Dee Ann McWilliams,
of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs, vice Jacob Lozada, resigned.

Roger Francisco Noriega,
of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs), vice Otto J. Reich.

Annette Sandberg,
of Washington, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, vice Joseph M. Clapp, resigned.

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John Francis Bardelli,
of Connecticut, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Connecticut for the term of 4 years, vice John R. O'Connor.

Marsha E. Barnes,
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Suriname.

Robert N. Davis,
of Florida, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term prescribed by law (new position).

Michael J. Garcia,
of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (new position).

Adam Noel Torres,
of California, to be U.S. Marshal for the Central District of California for the term of 4 years, vice Jose Antonio Perez.

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L. Scott Coogler,
of Alabama, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, vice H. Dean Buttram, Jr., resigned.

Charles W. Grim,
of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for a term of 4 years, vice Michael H. Trujillo.

Mark R. Kravitz,
of Connecticut, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut, vice Alfred V. Covello, retired.

John A. Woodcock, Jr.,
of Maine, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Maine, vice Gene Carter, retired.

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 March 24

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary on the appointment of Shirin R. Tahir-Kheli as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Democracy, Human Rights, and International Operations at the National Security Council

Statement by the Press Secretary on the attack in Jammu and Kashmir

Released March 25

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of British Prime Minister Tony Blair

Fact sheet: Supporting Our Troops Abroad and Increasing Safety at Home

Fact sheet: "On the Homefront"—USA Freedom Corps

Announcement of nominations for U.S. Marshal for the District of Connecticut and the Central District of California and a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Released March 26

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Castro Government Cracks Down on Pro-Democracy and Human Rights Activists

Released March 27

Statement by the Press Secretary on Senate Judiciary Committee action on the nomination of Priscilla Owen to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Virginia

Statement by the Press Secretary on emergency assistance to New York

Statement by the Press Secretary on emergency assistance to Rhode Island

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to North Carolina