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On another front, I'm pleased, obviously, with the new job growth. I have been saying that this economy looks pretty strong, and today 112,000 new jobs were created last month—a report that 112,000 new jobs were created last month. And that's good. Things are getting better. There is more to do, but this economy is growing in strength, and I'm obviously pleased with that.

Thank you all for coming.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:45 p.m.

Statement on the Terrorist Attack on the Moscow Subway

February 6, 2004

I condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attack on the Moscow subway. I join the American people in grieving for the victims and for their families. No cause ever justifies the killing of innocent life. The United States stands with Russia in opposing terrorist acts and in our determination to bring the perpetrators 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.

January 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Philadelphia, PA.

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

February 1

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview by Jim Nantz of CBS Sports for ''The Super Bowl Today'' television program.

February 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with David Kay, former CIA Special Advisor for Strategy Regarding Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction Programs, to discuss Dr. Kay's findings as head of the Iraq Survey Group.

The White House announced that the President will meet with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the White House on February 3.

The President announced his intention to nominate Craig A. Kelly to be Ambassador to Chile.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Hardiman to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences.

February 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with Iraqi Fulbright scholars.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President visited with families of crewmembers who died in the Space Shuttle *Columbia* accident on February 1, 2003.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jerald S. Paul to be Principal Deputy Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration at the Department of Energy.

February 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the historic Evermay house, he attended a Republican National Committee luncheon.

February 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Charleston, SC, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Charles Hall.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Falcoff to be a member of the National Security Education Board.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, snow melt, and ice jams on December 10–31, 2003.

February 6

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to express his condolences to the Russian people concerning the terrorist attack on the Moscow subway earlier in the day. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President had a meeting with Charles Duelfer, head of the Iraq Survey Group. Later, with Chairman N. Gregory Mankiw of the Council of Economic Advisers, he signed the 2004 Economic Report.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Reston, VA, where he received a briefing on counterterrorism efforts at the National Targeting Center. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Chairman Gyude Bryant of Liberia at the White House on February 10.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dionel M. Aviles to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas B. Robertson to be Ambassador to Slovenia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Enrique J. Sosa to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak).

The President announced his intention to appoint Pamela Dorwarth, Denis Pratt, and Gary Leonard Talbot as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board.

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 February 2

Isaac Fulwood, Jr.,
of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the U.S. Parole Commission for a term of 6 years, vice Michael Johnston Gaines, resigned.

William Hardiman,
of Michigan, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2006, vice H. Terry Rasco, term expired.

William T. Hiller,
of Ohio, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2006 (reappointment).

Juan R. Olivarez,
of Michigan, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2006 (reappointment).

Maria Otero,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007 (reappointment).

Richard Kenneth Wagner,
of Florida, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2006, vice Robin Morris, term expired.

Sue Ellen Wooldridge,
of Virginia, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, vice William Gerry Myers III, resigned.

Raymond L. Finch,
of the Virgin Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands for a term of 10 years (reappointment).

Submitted February 3

Craig A. Kelly,
of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,