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you who are loving your neighbor like you'd like to be loved yourself, I'm here to thank you for that; thanking you for mentoring children; thanking you for feeding the hungry, providing shelter for the homeless; thank you for hearing that universal call—that universal call to help change this country one heart and one soul at a time. My job is to rally the spirit of this great country, and that's what I'm—that's what I'm doing, traveling your great State.

I'm proud you're here, Mr. Mayor. Thanks for coming. Come on up here, Mr. Mayor. I always like to give the mayors advice. My advice is: Fill the potholes. [*Laughter*] Thanks for coming, Mayor.

[*Mayor Jerry Wehrle of Lancaster made brief remarks and presented the President with a key to the city.*]

The President. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thanks for coming.

Again, thank you all for coming out to say hello. We're kind of heading down the road, but before I leave I do want to say, I ask for God's blessings on you, and may God continue to bless our country.

Thank you. God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:28 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse Square. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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.

May 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

May 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld to discuss the prison system in Iraq. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to South Bend, IN, arriving in the afternoon, where they began a bus tour. While en route to Niles, MI, aboard the bus, the President participated in an interview with representatives of regional media including the Detroit Free Press, the Detroit News, and Booth Newspapers.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Kalamazoo, MI. In the evening, they traveled to Sterling Heights, MI.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House on June 3.

May 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Maumee, OH, where he continued his bus tour. Later in the morning, he traveled to Dayton, OH.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Lebanon, OH.

In the evening, the President traveled to Cincinnati, OH. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

May 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong of Singapore.

The President declared a major disaster in North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and ground saturation beginning on March 26 and continuing.

May 6

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss their April 12 meeting at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, and the situation in the Middle East. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in an interview with Al-Ahram International newspaper.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ralph Leo Boyce to be Ambassador to Thailand.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Marshall Evans to be Ambassador to Armenia.

The President announced his intention to nominate John D. Rood to be Ambassador to the Bahamas.

The President announced his intention to nominate Craig T. Ramey to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gary D. Forsee and William H. Swanson as members of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

May 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Dubuque, IA, where they began a bus tour. Continuing the bus tour, they traveled to Lancaster, WI, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Prairie du Chien, WI, where they participated in a question-and-answer session at Cabela's Distribution Center. Later, they traveled to LaCrosse, WI, where they made remarks at a campaign rally.

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

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and landslides on April 19 and continuing.

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 May 6

Ralph Leo Boyce, Jr.,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Thailand.

John Marshall Evans,
of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Armenia.

John D. Rood,
of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Withdrawn May 6

Jose A. Fourquet,
of New Jersey, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2004, vice Mark L. Schneider, term expired, which were sent to the Senate on January 9, 2003, and on October 1, 2003.

Frederick W. Rohlfing III,
of Hawaii, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Hawaii, vice Alan C. Kay, retired, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 2003.

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 May 2

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Likud vote on Israeli Prime Minister