

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Withdrawn May 6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. Rohlffing 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

Sharon's plan to withdraw settlements from the Gaza

Released May 3

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Prime Minister John Howard of Australia

Released May 4

Transcript of an interview of National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice by Al Arabiya

Released May 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to North Dakota

Released May 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Congratulates Countries Selected for the Millennium Challenge Account

Executive Summary: Report to the President From the Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba

Fact sheet: Report of the Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba

Released May 7

Advance text of remarks by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice at Michigan State University commencement

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 1904, S. 2022, and S. 2043

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Arkansas

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved May 7

S. 1904 / Public Law 108–225

To designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse”

S. 2022 / Public Law 108–226

To designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the “Senator Paul Simon Federal Building”

S. 2043 / Public Law 108–227

To designate a Federal building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the “Ronald Reagan Federal Building”