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therefore, draw the wrong lessons from it. That's my worry.

And you've just got to know there's a lot of people—I mean, there's a lot of really good people working as hard as they possibly can to uncover any information that would give us an indication of something that might happen, and they're fully prepared to respond. They're ready to make a move.

This is a different kind of war. I remember, right after September the 11th, saying to the American people that this is a different kind of war. This is something that's just beyond our—the way we have thought before about how war goes. First of all, nobody likes war. You just got to know that about me. I love peace. I long for peace. But I also understand the nature of this enemy. And I told the American people that sometimes you'll see action and it will look like things are normal, but beneath the surface will lurk this enemy. And that's just the way it is. And I want the American people to live a normal life. It's my job to worry about it. It's your job to go about your business. If you see something strange, of course, let the local authorities know. But it is a—this is a—we're in this for a while. And I fully understand the fatigue that comes with being told information as best as we know it that something might happen, but it's my duty. I've got to be as open with the American people as I can and realistic in my assessment about the realities of the world.

And I will repeat what I said, then I've got to get on the bus and head on out. But I will repeat what I said to Lancaster. Let me say what I said before about this—about the world we live in. We have a capacity to leave behind a better world. I say "we"—my—our generation, those of us who have been given the responsibility of assuming the duties of a civil society. We have a chance—and we will—leave behind a better world for future generations of America, by sticking to what we believe, by understanding the great power of liberty in societies, of believing that credo that all people, regardless of their faith or the color of their skin, have the capacity to self-govern.

You see—let me end on this note. I understand and most Americans understand that liberty and freedom are not America's gift to the world. Freedom is the Almighty God's gift to every man and woman in this world. We will defend America—we will defend America. We will be unrelenting in our defense of this country, by finding the enemy before they find us. Listen, we want to whip them in Iraq before we have to face them here at home. We want to—but ultimately, we will prevail, ultimately prevail, because of the great values, the great universal values that this country lives by.

Listen, thanks for coming. Thanks for your help. God bless, and God bless America. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:25 a.m. In his remarks, he referred to former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; Palestinian terrorist Abu Nidal, who was found dead in Baghdad, Iraq, on August 19, 2002; senior Al Qaida associate Abu Musab Al Zarqawi; and Pat Roberts, chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Remarks in Pottstown, Pennsylvania

July 9, 2004

Thank you all very much for coming out to say hello. I'm honored to be here. I'm here to ask for your vote. I'm campaigning because I want America to be a safer place, a stronger place, and a better place.

It's such an honor to be in the great State of Pennsylvania, and it's such an honor to represent the greatest country on the face of the Earth. Thanks for coming out to say hello. May God bless you all, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:41 p.m. 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.

July 3

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

July 4

In the morning, the President traveled to Charleston, WV, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Sister Joan Marie Coleman. Later, at the West Virginia State Capitol, he participated in an interview with the Charleston Daily Mail.

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

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush viewed the Independence Day fireworks display on the National Mall from the White House.

July 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

July 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in an interview with Hispanic Magazine.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Abdullah bin Ahmad Badawi of Malaysia to the White House on July 19.

July 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Gov. M. Jodi Rell of Connecticut to congratulate her on taking office. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Raleigh, NC, where, upon arrival at Raleigh Durham International Airport, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Valerie Chaffin.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a Victory 2004 lunch at a private residence.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Waterford, MI, where, upon arrival at Oakland County International Airport, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Scotty Maconochie.

In the evening, the President traveled to Bloomfield Hills, MI, where he participated in a Victory 2004 dinner at a private residence.

Later in the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with King Mohamed VI of Morocco.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working lunch with King Mohamed VI of Morocco. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with 2004 Scripps Howard Spelling Bee champion David Tidmarsh.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the funeral of President Thomas Klestil of Austria on July 10: Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger of California, who will lead the delegation; and U.S. Ambassador to Austria W.L. Lyons Brown and his wife, Alice.

July 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Kutztown, PA, where he began a bus tour.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Pottstown, PA, and then to Lancaster, PA, where he made remarks at Lapp Electrical Service, Inc.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to York, PA. While aboard the bus en route to York, he participated in an interview with representatives of regional media.

In the evening, at the York Expo Center, the President participated in a rally.

Later in the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Natsagiyn Bagabandi of Mongolia for a visit on July 15.

The President announced his intention to appoint Michael J. Hansen as a Commissioner of the U.S. Section of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate George Perdue to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain as a member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Ballinger and Terence Alan Teachout to be members of the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Help America Vote Foundation: Donetta Davidson; Elizabeth G. Flores; J. Hayden Fry; and Keith J. Jackson.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities: Madeleine Will (Chairman); Vijayalakshmi Appareddy; James Brett; Claudia Coleman; Olivia Colvin; Kathleen Hargett; Kenneth Lohff; Edward Mambruno; Lon Solomon; Karen Staley; and Annette Talis.

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 July 7

Keith Starrett,
of Mississippi, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, vice Charles W. Pickering, Sr., elevated.

Submitted July 8

Valerie Lynn Baldwin,
of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, vice Sandra L. Pack, resigned.

Christopher J. LaFleur,
of New York, 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 Malaysia.

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 July 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Prime Minister Abdullah of Malaysia

Released July 7

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 97, H.R. 884, H.R. 2751, and S. 2017

Fact sheet: Judicial Nominees

Released July 8

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed legislation renewing import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's meeting with King Mohamed VI of Morocco

Released July 9

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on the upcoming visit of President Natsagiyn Bagabandi of Mongolia

Statement by the Press Secretary on the decision by the UN-Afghan Joint Electoral Management Board to schedule Afghanistan's Presidential and Parliamentary elections