

guidance issued by OMB, which shall ensure compliance.

(5) Not later than 6 months following promulgation of the Standard, the heads of executive departments and agencies shall identify to the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and the Director of OMB those Federally controlled facilities, Federally controlled information systems, and other Federal applications that are important for security and for which use of the Standard in circumstances not covered by this directive should be considered. Not later than 7 months following the promulgation of the Standard, the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and the Director of OMB shall make recommendations to the President concerning possible use of the Standard for such additional Federal applications.

(6) This directive shall be implemented in a manner consistent with the Constitution and applicable laws, including the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and other statutes protecting the rights of Americans.

(7) Nothing in this directive alters, or impedes the ability to carry out, the authorities of the Federal departments and agencies to perform their responsibilities under law and consistent with applicable legal authorities and presidential guidance. This directive is intended only to improve the internal management of the executive branch of the Federal Government, and it is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees or agents, or any other person.

(8) The Assistant to the President for Homeland Security shall report to me not later than 7 months after the promulgation of the Standard on progress made to implement this directive, and shall thereafter report to me on such progress or any recommended changes from time to time as appropriate.

George W. Bush

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this directive.

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.

August 21

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

August 23

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss the situations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, and Georgia, counterterrorism efforts, and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President met with Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, and other members of his defense team to discuss defense priorities.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with members of his defense team.

August 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

August 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a briefing on the crash of two passenger jets in Russia on August 24. Later, he had a briefing on recovery efforts in Florida in response to Hurricane Charley.

Later in the morning, the President had a briefing on the report of the Independent Panel To Review Department of Defense Detention Operations, which was issued August 24.

August 26

In the morning, the President traveled to Las Cruces, NM. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had an intelligence briefing. He then participated in an interview with USA Today. He also had a telephone conversation with Senator John McCain of Arizona to discuss campaign finance reform issues, including advertisements by organizations described in Section 527 of the Tax Code. Upon arrival in Las Cruces, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Frank Ontiveros.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Farmington, NM, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Rod Conover. He then traveled to Albuquerque, NM, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bernice Young.

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

August 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda of Slovakia to express his best wishes on the eve of the 60th anniversary of the Slovak national uprising against the Nazis and to discuss efforts to support freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in an interview with U.S. News and World Report.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Miami, FL. Later, at the City of Miami Fire Station Number Two, with Gov. Jeb Bush and Representative C.W. Bill Young of Florida, they participated in a briefing by Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response Mike Brown on recovery efforts in Florida in response to Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricane Charley.

Later in the afternoon, at the Miami Arena, the President and Mrs. Bush made remarks at a rally.

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

The President declared a major disaster in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the

area struck by a wildland fire on July 14–27.

The President declared a major disaster in the Northern Mariana Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding, high surf, storm surge, and high winds as a result of Super Typhoon Chaba beginning on August 21 and continuing.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

**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 August 23

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released August 25

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released August 26

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on the decision by the Democratic Republic of the Congo to suspend all Congolese Rally for Democracy-Goma activities

Statement by the Press Secretary on the African Union's efforts at a solution to the Darfur conflict by sponsoring talks between the Sudan Government and the Darfur rebels