

realizes there are a lot of grandfathers wondering about their granddaughters and their future, once 20-year-olds and 30-year-olds start to say, "Wait a minute. Now this is a problem, what are you going to do about it?" Those are the dynamics to get something done.

I presume you expect Congress to get something done now, before it's too late.

Ms. Siegfried. Yes, I do.

The President. Well, listen, I want to thank our panelists for coming. I thought this was an interesting dialog. Good job. I want to thank you all for giving us a chance to come report about this important issue. I'm looking forward to working with Congress. I expect there to be a civil dialog and honest debate. All ideas should be on the table. The American people are going to influence the outcome of this debate.

I want to thank the good people of Memphis for letting me come by and visit with you about it. I want to assure you, I will continue traveling our country asking people to be involved, getting people to write their Congressmen and Senators to say, "Get rid of the partisanship, sit down at the table, and modernize this system for generations to come."

God bless, and thanks for coming.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:21 a.m. at the Canon Center for the Performing Arts. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor A.C. Wharton and Sheriff Mark H. Luttrell of Shelby County, TN; Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson, International Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ, Inc.; Minister of Women's Affairs Massouda Jalal of Afghanistan; and Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida. Discussion participant Pastor Andrew Jackson referred to Bishop Jerry L. Maynard, Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional in Tennessee, Church of God in Christ.

Statement on the Anniversary of the Terrorist Attack in Madrid, Spain

March 11, 2005

On March 11, we remember the lives lost one year ago in Madrid.

The bombings in Spain were a grim reminder that there are evil people in the world who are willing to kill innocent life. The terrorists hate and target every country that

stands for democracy, tolerance, and freedom. They kill the innocent—children and their mothers on a commuter train—without conscience or mercy.

The world is united in our determination to defeat global terrorism. We share a common faith in the value of freedom and the sanctity of life. We will continue to fight terror and advance freedom so that the world will be more peaceful.

For those who lost loved ones on March 11, it has been a year of sorrow and a year of healing. I join all Americans in sending our expressions of sympathy and solidarity on this solemn day of remembrance.

May God bless the people of Spain and the souls of the departed.

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.

March 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada to discuss their March 23 meeting in Texas and other issues.

March 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the South Lawn, he and Mrs. Bush welcomed King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with the King and Queen of Norway.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Pittsburgh, PA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Jacques Chirac of France to discuss the situation in Lebanon.

Later in the afternoon, upon arrival in Pittsburgh, the President met with USA

Freedom Corps volunteer Jennie Roth. Later, at the Providence Family Support Center, he and Mrs. Bush met with participants in the Center's afterschool program. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

Also in the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to discuss regional issues including the situation in Lebanon.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Vaclav Klaus of the Czech Republic to the White House on March 8.

The President announced his intention to nominate John R. Bolton to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations with the rank of Ambassador, and to be U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations and U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel Fried to be Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs.

March 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in an Oval Office ceremony, he received the annual report of the Boy Scouts of America. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Vaclav Klaus of the Czech Republic.

In the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Flavio Dario Espinal Jacobo of the Dominican Republic, EK Sereywath of Cambodia, Deborah-Mae Lovell of Antigua and Barbuda, Hopelong U. Ipinge of Namibia, Seok-hyun Hong of South Korea, Mohamed Nejib Hachana of Tunisia, and Frank McKenna of Canada.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with Republican Senators to discuss Social Security reform.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Abdullah II of Jordan to the White House on March 15.

The President declared a major disaster in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supple-

ment State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by heavy rains and flooding on January 7–13.

March 9

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to discuss the situations in North Korea and the Middle East, beef exports, and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Columbus, OH. Upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Betty Cheney. Later, he participated in a tour of the Battelle Memorial Institute.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Ministers of Women's Affairs Massouda Jalal and Narmin Othman of Afghanistan and Iraq, respectively, who were in Washington, DC, to attend International Women's Day events.

March 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Republican Members of the House of Representatives to discuss Social Security reform.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Louisville, KY, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Monica Hardin.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Montgomery, AL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Andrew "Woody" Woodcock.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Memphis, TN, arriving in the evening.

March 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Shreveport, LA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Lindsey Allen.

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

The White House announced that the President will host President Viktor

Yushchenko of Ukraine at the White House for a meeting and working lunch on April 4.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael D. Griffin to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles F. Conner to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Joseph to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul D. Clement to be Solicitor General at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kim Wang to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to Israel to attend the Inauguration of the Yad Vashem New Holocaust History Museum on March 15: Michael R. Bloomberg (head of delegation), Elie Wiesel, Daniel Kurtzer, Fred S. Zeidman, Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis, Norma Lerner, and Rabbi Isaac Neuman.

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 March 8

Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European Affairs), vice A. Elizabeth Jones, resigned.

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 March 7

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Vaclav Klaus of the Czech Republic To Visit Washington

Fact sheet: Making a Difference for America's Youth

Released March 8

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a question-and-answer session by former President Bush and former President Clinton on tsunami relief efforts

Transcript of a press briefing by Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Director Jim Towey on the Faith-Based Initiative

Statement by the Press Secretary: King of Jordan To Visit Washington

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Nevada

Released March 9

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Securing Our Nation's Energy Future

Released March 10

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released March 11

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: President To Welcome Ukrainian President Yushchenko to the White House