

In the evening, at Villa Taverna, the U.S. Ambassador to Italy's residence in Rome, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a reception for American cardinals, archbishops, and bishops of the Catholic Church.

Later in the evening, the President and his delegation, with the exception of Mrs. Bush, had dinner with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy at the Prime Minister's residence.

April 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at Saint Peter's Square in Vatican City, he and his delegation attended the funeral mass of Pope John Paul II.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Paul Kagame of Rwanda to the White House on April 15.

The President announced his intention to nominate Emil M. Skodon to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eduardo Aguirre to be Ambassador to Spain and to Andorra.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert B. Stephan as Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection and to designate him as Acting Under Secretary for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation: E. Gordon Gee; Valentino F. DiGiorgio III; Kimberly A. Owens; and M. Joyce Van Schaack.

The President announced his intention to appoint George R. Nethercutt, Jr., as Chairman of the U.S. Section of the U.S. and Canada Permanent Joint Board on Defense.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ruth Sharp Altshuler as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Stephen Malcom Gillis and Con Gia

Pham as members of the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation.

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 April 4

Rachel Brand,
of Iowa, to be an Assistant Attorney General,
vice Daniel J. Bryant, resigned.

Ellen G. Engleman Conners,
of Indiana, to be Chairman of the National
Transportation Safety Board for a term of 2
years (reappointment).

Suzanne C. DeFrancis,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of
Health and Human Services, vice Kevin
Keane.

Michael Dolan,
of New York, to be a member of the Board
of Directors of the Corporation for National
and Community Service for a term expiring
October 6, 2009, vice Marc Racicot, term
expired.

Robert M. Duncan,
of Kentucky, to be a member of the Board
of Directors of the Corporation for National
and Community Service for a term expiring
June 10, 2009, vice Juanita Sims Doty, term
expired.

Alice S. Fisher,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney Gen-
eral, vice Christopher A. Wray.

Kenneth J. Krieg,
of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense
for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics,
vice Edward C. Aldridge, resigned.

Sean Ian McCormack, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs), vice Richard A. Boucher.

Philip J. Perry, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, vice Joe D. Whitley, resigned.

Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2010 (reappointment).

David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, vice Theodore William Kassinger, resigned.

Regina B. Schofield, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Deborah J. Daniels.

Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of 4 years, vice Kay Coles James, resigned.

Withdrawn April 4

Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be a member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (new position), which was sent to the Senate on March 15, 2005.

Submitted April 6

Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, vice Kirk Van Tine.

Timothy D. Adams, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice John B. Taylor.

Submitted April 7

Gordon England, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, vice Paul D. Wolfowitz.

**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 April 2

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released April 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released April 5

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Announcement of the delegation accompanying the President and First Lady to the funeral of Pope John Paul II

Released April 6

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released April 7

Statement by the Press Secretary: 1994 Rwanda Genocide

Released April 8

Statement by the Press Secretary: President To Welcome President of Rwanda to White House

**Acts Approved
by the President**

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.