

May God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:12 a.m. in the Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. In his remarks, he referred to Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England; Adm. Vern Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. William L. Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; Vice Adm. Rodney P. Rempt, USN, superintendent, Capt. Charles J. Leidig, Jr., USN, commandant of midshipmen, and William C. Miller, academic dean and provost, U.S. Naval Academy; Lt. Gov. Michael S. Steele of Maryland; Col. Muammar Abu Minyar al-Qadhafi, leader of Libya; Usama bin Laden, leader of the Al Qaida terrorist organization; Abu Faraj al-Libbi, senior Al Qaida associate arrested in Pakistan on April 30; and senior Al Qaida associate Abu Musab Al Zarqawi.

Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Giving Notification of Intent To Reallocate Funds Previously Transferred From the Emergency Response Fund

May 27, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am notifying the Congress of my intent to reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF).

To promote democracy and freedom, \$7.7 million of ERF funds will be reallocated within the Broadcasting Board of Governors to support the operational costs of Arabic radio and television broadcasting to the Middle East.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

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.

May 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Grand Rapids, MI, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Ruth Dekker. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, the President attended the White House News Photographers' Association "Eyes of History" gala.

May 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Mrs. Bush to discuss her ongoing travels in the Middle East.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to discuss United Nations Security Council reform and other issues.

May 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Rochester, NY, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer George-Ann Schaufele. He then traveled to Greece, NY.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Residence, he met with Republican Members of the House of Representatives to discuss legislative priorities.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to the White House on June 8.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea to the White House for a meeting and working lunch on June 10.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jan E. Boyer to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

The President announced his intention to nominate Timothy E. Flanigan to be Deputy

Attorney General at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Alan Jeffrey to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ashok G. Kaveeshwar to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Walter Lukken to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathie L. Olsen to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

May 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Awards. Later, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he met with the President's Export Council.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa to the White House on June 1.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Denmark on July 6, prior to his participation in the Group of Eight (G-8) Summit in Gleneagles, Scotland.

The President announced that he has named Rhonda Keenum as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Public Liaison.

The President announced that he has named Juan Carlos Zarate as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser for Combating Terrorism.

May 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate William C. Anderson to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations and Environment).

The President announced his intention to nominate Israel Hernandez to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Philip D. Morrison to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Tax Policy).

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald E. Neumann to be Ambassador to Afghanistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard A. Raymond to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory L. Schulte to be U.S. Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations and U.S. Representative to the IAEA, with the rank of Ambassador.

May 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Annapolis, MD.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Organization of American States Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza of Chile to the White House on May 31.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Phan Van Khai of Vietnam to the White House on June 21.

**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 23

Arlene Holen,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2010, vice Robert H. Beatty, Jr., term expired.

Tom Luce,
of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education, vice Bruno Victor Mano, resigned.

Rod J. Rosenstein,
of Maryland, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland for the term of 4 years, vice Thomas M. DiBiagio.

Submitted May 25

Jan E. Boyer,
of Texas, to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, vice Hector E. Morales.

William Alan Jeffrey,
of Virginia, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, vice Arden Bement, Jr.

Ashok G. Kaveeshwar,
of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation, vice Ellen G. Engleman, resigned.

Walter Lukken,
of Indiana, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2010 (reappointment).

Kathie L. Olsen,
of Oregon, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation, vice Joseph Bordogna.

John M. Reich,
of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision for a term expiring October 23, 2007, vice James Gilleran, term expired.

Submitted May 26

William Anderson,
of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, vice Nelson F. Gibbs.

Israel Hernandez,
of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, vice Rhonda Keenum.

Philip D. Morrison,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Pamela F. Olson, resigned.

Ronald E. Neumann,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Randal Quarles,
of Utah, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Brian Carlton Roseboro.

Richard A. Raymond,
of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety, vice Elsa A. Murano, resigned.

Gregory L. Schulte,
of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

Gregory L. Schulte,
of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.