

decades, Dick soared into the wild blue yonder and climbed to the highest ranks of the United States Armed Forces. He led our military to historic achievements in some of the most trying times America has known, and today he retires with the pride and appreciation of our entire Nation.

General Myers, I want to thank you for a lifetime of service to the United States. You have done your part to build a more peaceful world for our children and our grandchildren, and we will always be grateful.

My God bless you and your family, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:41 on Summerall Field at Fort Myer. In his remarks, he referred to Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA, (Ret.), former combatant commander, U.S. Central Command.

Executive Order 13386—Further Amendment to Executive Order 13369, Relating to the President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform

September 30, 2005

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and to further extend the reporting deadline of the President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Section 5 of Executive Order 13369 of January 7, 2005, as amended by Executive Order 13379 of June 16, 2005, is further amended by deleting “September 30, 2005” and inserting in lieu thereof “November 1, 2005”.

Sec. 2. Section 7 of Executive Order 13369 of January 7, 2005, is further amended by deleting “30 days after submitting its report pursuant to section 5 of this order” and inserting in lieu thereof “November 15, 2005”.

Sec. 3. This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the United States, its de-

partments, agencies, entities, officers, employees or agents, or any other person.

George W. Bush

The White House,
September 30, 2005.

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NOTE: This Executive order will be published in the *Federal Register* on October 5.

Message on the Observance of Rosh Hashanah, 5766

September 30, 2005

I send greetings to all those observing Rosh Hashanah.

On this holy occasion, Jews around the world are called by the sound of the Shofar to gather in celebration of the beginning of the New Year and the creation of all life. For the Jewish people, this marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a special time to reflect on the past year and welcome the year to come.

It is also a time to reflect on the history of the Jewish people, from the days of Abraham to the present, and remember God’s faithfulness to them. This year, we mark the completion of an especially joyous occasion, the 350th year of Jewish life in America. Throughout America’s history, Jewish Americans have strengthened and enriched the character of our Nation.

Laura and I send our best wishes for a blessed Rosh Hashanah. *L’shanah tovah.*

George W. Bush

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

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.

September 24

In the morning, at the U.S. Northern Command in Colorado Springs, CO, the President had a briefing on Hurricane Rita by officials of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). Later, he toured the facility.

Later in the morning, the President met with Adm. Timothy J. Keating, USN, commander, U.S. Northern Command. He then had another briefing on Hurricane Rita.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Austin, TX.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to San Antonio, TX.

The President declared a disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Rita beginning on September 23 and continuing.

The President declared a disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Rita beginning on September 23 and continuing.

September 25

In the morning, at Randolph Air Force Base, the President had a briefing on Hurricane Rita. Later, he traveled to Baton Rouge, LA.

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

September 26

In the morning, in the Situation Room, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a briefing on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita recovery efforts.

Later in the morning, the President went to the Department of Energy where he participated in a briefing on energy supply issues related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Later, he returned to the White House.

September 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a briefing on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita recovery efforts.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Beaumont, TX. Later, he took an aerial tour of the area damaged by the hurri-

canes, concluding his tour in Lake Charles, LA.

In the afternoon, the President met with first-responders involved with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita recovery efforts.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate Kent D. Talbert to be General Counsel at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Horace A. Thompson to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer to be a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation (Government Representative).

The President announced his intention to appoint Timothy D. Adams as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brig. Gen. Bill Grisoli, USA, as the Federal member of the Delaware River Basin Commission (Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania), and as the Federal member of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Maryland, New York, and Pennsylvania).

The President announced his intention to appoint William McDowell Matz, Jr., as a member of the Veterans Disability Benefits Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Linda M. Springer as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

September 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a briefing on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita recovery efforts. Later, he participated in a briefing on the war on terror.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley.

The White House announced that the President will host President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland at the White House

for a farewell meeting and lunch on October 12.

September 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a briefing on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita recovery efforts.

Later in the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President, Chief Justice-designate John G. Roberts, Jr., and other officials watched the Senate vote for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with Chief Justice-designate Roberts and his wife, Jane.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and members of his family. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gigi Hyland to be a member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Thomas Rosch to be a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Terrence L. Bracy to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jean B. Elshtain, Allen C. Guelzo, and Eugene Hickok to be members of the National Council on the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sarah M. Singleton to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Margaret Spellings to be a Representative of the United States to the 33d General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

September 30

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India to discuss India-U.S. relations, regional developments, and

other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a briefing on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita recovery efforts.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Arlington, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority to the White House on October 20.

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 September 28

Carol E. Dinkins,
of Texas, to be Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (new position).

Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer,
Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 27, 2009, vice Constance Berry Newman.

Alan Charles Raul,
of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (new position).

Kent D. Talbert,
of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, vice Brian Jones, resigned.

Horace A. Thompson,
of Mississippi, to be member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission