

work with the United States and the international community in combating terror.

Since yesterday, I had the opportunity to have a variety of meetings with members of your administration. I am delighted to have the opportunity to see you and meet with you today, Mr. President. We will have a variety of issues that we will discuss, bilateral issues, as well as issues of interest to both the international community and world peace and stability.

I thank you, very much, for your hospitality and for receiving me.

President Bush. Thank you, sir.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:28 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to King Abdullah II of Jordan. President Salih spoke in Arabic, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks During a Meeting With Louisiana Local Officials

November 10, 2005

The President. Mayor, thanks for coming.
Mayor C. Ray Nagin. Glad to be here.

The President. And I appreciate you sharing your thoughts and ideas with Don Powell and myself. I appreciate the Commission Chairman for coming and setting out a vision for New Orleans. And I know you've been through an awful lot of tough times, and I really appreciate your working with us to help get this city up and running so the great city of New Orleans will rise once again. As I said in my speech, Mr. Mayor, we can't imagine an America without a New Orleans.

And we've got a lot of work to do, but you're making good progress, and you're showing strong leadership. I appreciate that.

Mayor Nagin. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:40 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Donald E. Powell, chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, who is coordinating Federal gulf coast relief efforts. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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.

November 5

In the morning, in Mar del Plata, Argentina, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Salon Versailles at the Hermitage Hotel, he participated in plenary sessions of the Summit of the Americas.

In the afternoon, the President participated in the closing ceremony of the Summit of the Americas. Later, at the Salon Doree, he participated in a luncheon for heads of state.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Brasilia, Brazil, arriving in the evening.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ali Abdallah Salih of Yemen to the White House on November 10.

November 6

In the morning, in the Blue Tree Park Hotel, the President had breakfast with Brazilian business leaders. Later, in the Porto Vittoria Reception Hall, he and Mrs. Bush greeted U.S. Embassy personnel.

In the afternoon, at Granja do Torto, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and his wife, Marisa Leticia Lula da Silva. They then returned to the Blue Tree Park Hotel.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Panama City, Panama.

November 7

In the morning, in the Cabinet Room of the Palacio de Las Garzas, the President had a meeting with President Martin Torrijos Espino of Panama. Later, at the Corozal American Cemetery, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the Miraflores Locks of the Panama Canal, where they toured the canal.

In the afternoon, at the Miraflores Restaurant, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with President Torrijos Espino and his wife, Vivian Fernandez de Torrijos. Later, they went to Ciudad del Saber, where, at Jarman Field, they participated in a baseball event with Panamanian youth and Major League Baseball players. Later, at the Auxiliary Gym of Ciudad del Saber, they greeted U.S. Embassy personnel.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Richmond, VA, arriving in the evening. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Janet Ann Sanderson to be Ambassador to Haiti.

The President announced his intention to appoint David Barrett Cohen as the U.S. Representative on the Pacific Community.

November 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a briefing on hurricane recovery efforts. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with 2005 Nobel Prize recipients John L. Hall, Thomas C. Schelling, Roy J. Glauber, Richard R. Schrock, and Robert H. Grubbs.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President accepted the Institute of Religion and Public Policy's Pope John Paul II Wellspring of Freedom Award from institute officials.

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 Typhoon Nabi on August 30 through September 1.

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a tornado and severe storms on November 6.

November 9

In the morning, the President had breakfast with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President and Mrs. Bush met with the Dalai Lama of Tibet.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Joseph Copps to be Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Deborah Taylor Tate to be Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen C. King to be a member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald M. Payne, Edward Randall Royce, and Goli Ameri to be U.S. Representatives to the 60th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President announced his intention to nominate Duane Acklie and Robert C. O'Brien to be U.S. Alternate Representatives to the 60th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to visit South Asia on November 13–15 to survey the South Asian earthquake devastation and assess relief and reconstruction needs: Karen P. Hughes (head of delegation); Jim Kelly; Anne Mulcahy; Hank McKinnell, Jr.; and Sandy Weill.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Israel to attend events commemorating the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, on November 14: James A. Baker III (head of delegation); Condoleezza Rice; Richard A. Jones; C. David Welch; and Elliott Abrams.

November 10

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President dropped by a meeting of the Federalist Society. Later, in an Oval

Office ceremony, he presented the 2005 National Medals of Arts and National Humanities Medals.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with President Ali Abdallah Salih of Yemen. Later, in an Oval Office ceremony, he received diplomatic credentials from Ambassador Lee Tae Sik of South Korea.

Later in the afternoon, in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President dropped by a meeting of business leaders.

Also in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a bill-signing ceremony for H.R. 2744, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a dinner for the 40th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The President declared a major disaster in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on October 7–16.

The President declared a major disaster in Puerto Rico and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides on October 9–15.

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 November 7

Mark D. Acton,
of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2010, vice Dana Bruce Covington, Sr., term expired.

Kristie A. Kenney,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Philippines.

John L. Palmer,
of New York, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

John L. Palmer,
of New York, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

John L. Palmer,
of New York, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Thomas R. Saving,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Thomas R. Saving,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Thomas R. Saving,
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Robert Weisberg,
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Congo.