

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.