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March 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with outgoing Prime Minister Percival James Patterson of Jamaica to commend him for his distinguished service. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister-designate Portia Simpson Miller of Jamaica to congratulate her on taking office.

In the afternoon, the President met with Members of Congress who had recently visited Iraq.

During the day, the President met with President-elect Rene Preval of Haiti.

The President declared a major disaster in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by tornadoes and severe storms on March 11–13.

March 29

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel to congratulate him on his party's success in the recent election. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President met with Republican congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities. Later, he participated in a photo opportunity with Spring 2006 White House interns. He then traveled to Cancun, Mexico.

March 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, the President traveled to Chichen-Itza, Mexico, where he toured the Chichen-Itza archaeological ruins. He then returned to Cancun, Mexico.

In the evening, at the Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancun Hotel, the President had dinner with President Vicente Fox of Mexico and Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada.

The President announced his nomination of Daniel L. Cooper to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

March 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancun Hotel, he participated in a meeting with American, Canadian, and Mexican chief executive officers to discuss the North American economy. He then traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced his appointment of Dana M. Perino as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary.

The President announced his appointment of Kenneth A. Lisaius as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary.

The President announced his appointment of Christopher G. Michel as Special Assistant to the President for Speechwriting.

The President announced his appointment of Blain Rethmeier as Special Assistant to the President for Communications.

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 March 27

Ronald S. Cooper,
of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of 4 years, vice Eric S. Dreiband, resigned.

Harry R. Hoglander,
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2008 (reappointment).

Michael D. Kirby,
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 Moldova.

Molly A. O'Neill,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator
of the Environmental Protection Agency,
vice Kimberly Terese Nelson.

Peter W. Tredick,
of California, to be a member of the National
Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1,
2007, vice Edward J. Fitzmaurice, Jr., term
expired.

Withdrawn March 27

Henry W. Saad,
of Michigan, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the
Sixth Circuit, vice James L. Ryan, retired,
which was sent to the Senate on February
14, 2005.

David C. Sanborn,
of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Mari-
time Administration, vice William Schubert,
which was sent to the Senate on January 18,
2006.

Submitted March 30

Daniel L. Cooper,
of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for
Benefits of the Department of Veterans Af-
fairs for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Gary D. Orton,
of Nevada, to be U.S. Marshal for the District
of Nevada for the term of 4 years, vice Rich-
ard Zenos Winget.

Withdrawn March 30

Daniel P. Ryan,
of Michigan, to be U.S. District Judge for
the Eastern District of Michigan, vice Patrick
J. Duggan, retired, which was sent to the
Senate on February 14, 2005.

**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 March 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Comprehensive Immigration Re-
form: Securing our Border, Enforcing our
Laws, and Upholding our Values

Released March 28

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster
assistance to Illinois

Released March 29

Fact sheet: Strategy for Victory: Freedom in
Iraq

Released March 30

Transcript of a press briefing by Senior Di-
rector for Western Hemisphere Affairs Dan-
iel W. Fisk of the National Security Council
on the President's visit to Mexico

Statement by the Press Secretary on China's
treatment of Kim Chun-Hee

**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.