

with the Secretary General of NATO and our allies in NATO to provide a firm response to the actions that are taking place on the ground. I want the Sudanese Government to understand the United States of America is serious about solving this problem.

I'm proud of our Nation's generosity when it comes to aid, and the American people ought to be proud of the taxpayer dollars that have gone to provide much needed aid for those who suffer. But this Government must understand that we expect the aid to get to the people, and we expect there to be a solution to this problem.

There will be rallies all across the country. And for those of you who are going out to march for justice, you represent the best of our country. We believe every life is precious, every human being is important. And the signal you send to the world is a strong signal, and I welcome your participation. And I want to thank the organizers for being here.

I want to thank this good man right here—he sits here next to his President, and it wasn't all that long ago that he was a slave inside Sudan. He sits here to represent the thousands of lives who have been affected by a Government that must honor human rights.

And, Simon, I'm proud to have you here as a fellow American, proud to have you here as a friend.

Thank you all for coming.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:50 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Secretary General Jakob Gijbert "Jaap" de Hoop Scheffer of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and Simon Deng, founder of the Sudan Freedom Walk.

Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Proposed Acquisition of Ross Catherall US Holdings Inc., by Dubai International Capital LLC

April 28, 2006

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Attached is a classified report on my decision to take no action to suspend or prohibit the proposed acquisition of Ross Catherall US Holdings Inc., by Dubai International

Capital LLC, a subsidiary of Dubai Holding LLC.

I have made this decision under the authority vested in me as President by section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (the "Exon-Florio amendment"), 50 U.S.C. App. 2170, and on the basis of the recommendation from senior officials who make up the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

The attached report, prepared by my Administration, is submitted consistent with subsection (g) of that amendment and is subject to the provisions of subsection (c) regarding confidentiality of information.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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.

April 22

In the morning, in St. Helena, CA, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Los Posados State Forest, he bicycled with the Travis Air Force Base cycling team.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to West Sacramento, CA, where he toured the California Fuel Cell Partnership. Later, he traveled to Palm Springs, CA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Liridon Leti. He then traveled to Indian Wells, CA.

In the evening, the President traveled to Rancho Mirage, CA.

April 23

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Jalal

Talabani, Speaker of Parliament Mahmoud al-Mashhadani, and Prime Minister-designate Jawad al-Maliki to congratulate them on their new positions and to pledge continued support for democracy in Iraq. The President also had a telephone conversation with U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Twentynine Palms, CA, where, in the Protestant chapel of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, he attended a church service.

In the afternoon, in the Mess Hall of the Marine Air Ground Combat Center, the President had lunch with members of the Marine Corps and U.S. Navy and their family members. Later, he returned to Rancho Mirage, CA.

In the evening, the President met and had dinner with local officials.

April 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Santa Ana, CA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Laura Chanan. He then traveled to Irvine, CA.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Las Vegas, NV, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Patty Murphy.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Tabare Vazquez of Uruguay to the White House on May 4.

April 25

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to offer condolences for the loss of life due to recent terrorist attacks in Egypt. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with Senators to discuss the situation in Iraq.

The President announced his intention to nominate April H. Foley to be Ambassador to Hungary.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tracey Ann Jacobson to be Ambassador to Tajikistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kevin J. Martin to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission and upon appointment to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sue C. Payton to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Research, and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven C. Preston to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gaddi H. Vasquez for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lawrence A. Warder to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ralph B. Marquez as a member of the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

The President announced his intention to appoint David A. Ullrich as a Commissioner of the U.S. Section of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

The President announced his intention to designate Robert H. Foglesong as Co-Chairman of the U.S.-Russian Joint Commission on POW/MIAs.

April 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with Members of Congress to discuss the situation in Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, he met with John J. Danilovich, Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Then, in the Yellow Oval Room, he met with Republican Senators.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a reception for Republican Members of Congress.

April 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister

Ferenc Gyurcsany of Hungary to congratulate him on his election victory. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to New Orleans, LA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Tris Coffin, Jr.

In the afternoon, on North Roman Street, the President participated in a Habitat for Humanity house rebuilding project. Later, he traveled to Biloxi, MS, where he toured the Hands On Network Gulf Coast Civic Action Center. He then returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Anthony Bradtke to be Ambassador to Croatia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dale Klein to be a Commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and upon appointment to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate James B. Lockhart III to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board: Paul Cherecwich, Jr.; Donald V. Hammond; Catherine G. West; and Deborah L. Wince-Smith.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports: John Burke (and upon appointment to designate him chairman); Dorothy Gay Richardson (and upon appointment to designate her vice chairman); Denise Austin; James N. Baird; Paul Carrozza; William Greer; T.L. Mitchell; Charles H. Moore, Jr.; Catherine M. Baase; Kirk M. Bauer; Steven Bornstein; Susan Lieberman Dell; Lillian Rachelle Green-Chamberlain; Donna Richardson Joyner; Edward R. Laskowski; Elisha Nelson Manning; Jerry V. Noyce; Mary Lou Retton; Andrew Roddick; and W. Edgar Welden.

The President announced his intention to designate James B. Lockhart III as Acting Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

April 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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 April 24

Gustavo Antonio Gelpi,
of Puerto Rico, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, vice Hector M. Laffitte, retired.

Philip S. Gutierrez,
of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, vice Terry J. Hatter, Jr., retired.

Daniel Porter Jordan III,
of Mississippi, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, vice Tom S. Lee, retired.

Erik C. Peterson,
of Wisconsin, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin for the term of 4 years, vice J.B. Van Hollen, resigned.

Anita K. Blair,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, vice Michael L. Dominguez.

Paul A. Denett,
of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, vice David Safavian.

Anne E. Derse,
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 Azerbaijan.

Robert S. Ford,
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be