

future capabilities that will enhance our ability to cooperate. Both governments agree that the UK will have the ability to successfully operate, upgrade, employ, and maintain the Joint Strike Fighter such that the UK retains operational sovereignty over the aircraft. Further, both governments agree to protect sensitive technologies found within the Joint Strike Fighter program. Together, we are working out the details, while remaining committed to these principles.

Finally, the President and Prime Minister have a shared view that we need to continue to strengthen and deepen the relationship between our defense establishments to achieve fully interoperable forces and to leverage the respective strengths of U.S. and U.K. industries. The Prime Minister and President look forward to new ways we can achieve that goal.

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

### **Memorandum on Assignment of Certain Functions Related to the Use of Cooperative Threat Reduction Funds for States Outside the Former Soviet Union**

*May 26, 2006*

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, and the Director of National Intelligence*

*Subject:* Assignment of Certain Functions Related to the Use of Cooperative Threat Reduction Funds for States Outside the Former Soviet Union

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to the Secretary of State the functions of the President under:

(1) subsection 1203(d) of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993 (22 U.S.C. 5952(d)), as it relates to section 1308(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (22 U.S.C. 5963);

(2) subsections 1306(a) and (b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–314), as amend-

ed (22 U.S.C. 5952 note), as they relate to section 1308(e); and

(3) section 1304 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163).

The Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Defense prior to making a determination specified in section 1308(a)(2).

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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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.

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#### **May 20**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### **May 21**

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Mayor C. Ray Nagin of New Orleans to congratulate him on his election victory.

#### **May 22**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Chicago, IL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers Barry and Tanya Jeong.

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

#### **May 23**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President had a working dinner with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to the White House on May 25.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Manuel Zelaya Rosales of Honduras to the White House on June 5.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard E. Hoagland to be Ambassador to Armenia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Clifford M. Sobel to be Ambassador to Brazil.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of President Ahmed Abdallah Mohamed Sambi of Comoros on May 26: Frederick W. Schieck (head of delegation); and James David McGee.

#### **May 24**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Rose Garden, he participated in a photo opportunity with members of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Pottstown, PA, where he participated in a tour of the Limerick Generating Station. Later, at the Saratoga Court Elder Care Center, he greeted residents of Pottstown. He then traveled to Philadelphia, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Reggie Waller.

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

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to the White House on June 29.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert O. Blake, Jr., to be Ambassador to Sri Lanka.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elizabeth Dougherty to be a member of the National Mediation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick W. Dunne to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning.

The President announced his appointment of Karl Zinsmeister as Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

#### **May 25**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, on the South Lawn, the President participated in an arrival ceremony for Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Paul Kagame of Rwanda to the White House on May 31.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on May 13 and continuing.

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 beginning on May 12 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on May 12 and continuing.

#### **May 26**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Stephen J. Harper of Canada to the White House on July 6.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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**Submitted May 23**

Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, 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 Armenia.

Clifford M. Sobel, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

**Submitted May 24**

Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning), vice Claude M. Kicklighter, resigned.

**Submitted May 25**

Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of 15 years, vice Frank Ernest Schwelb, retiring.

Robert O. Blake, Jr., 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 Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives.

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009, vice Read Van de Water, term expiring.

Phyllis D. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of 15 years, vice John A. Terry, retired.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**

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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.

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**Released May 22**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow

**Released May 23**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of British Prime Minister Tony Blair

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by President Zelaya of Honduras

**Released May 24**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Official Visit of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan

Fact sheet: The Advanced Energy Initiative: Ensuring A Clean, Secure Energy Future

**Released May 25**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by President Kagame of Rwanda

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Maine

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Massachusetts

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New Hampshire

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 1165 and S. 1869