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us. I welcome Captain Sean Sullivan, who will be the First Base Coach. Captain, thanks for serving. Proud you're here. Good luck. You've got some awesome duties today. And Colonel Rick Martin from McGuire, good to see you, Colonel. Thanks for coming, Colonel. Proud you're here.

We're proud to welcome Steve Keener, who is the president and CEO of Little League International, and his wife, Cheryl. Steve, thanks for coming back. Thanks for helping. For those of you who want to be a Major League player, Mike O'Connor is with us, from the mighty Washington Nationals. Mike, thank you for coming, buddy. Mike is a pitcher for the Nationals. Glad you're here, Mike. We welcome Seth Fallon. We just heard from Seth. Thanks. And I want to thank the Navy Sea Cadets Corps, who happen to be the color guard.

Zane Ellingwood is about to put the first ball on the first tee for the first game. But not quite yet. I do want to welcome Tim Brant. Where are you, Tim? There he is. Tim, thanks for coming, buddy.

Announcer Tim Brant. Thank you, pal.

The President. A national baseball announcer here to call opening day. We really appreciate you coming. Thanks.

And finally, I do want to welcome representatives from the Armed Forces Foundation, the Fisher House, and our military kids. Thank you for serving our families. After the game, it's my honor to be able to present the balls to each of the players on the team. And I will also be able to welcome Dave Erbe, who is a youth volunteer. He volunteers to help the wounded and injury—military personnel at Walter Reed. David, thank you in advance for doing what you're doing. Thanks for serving your generation and our country. You're a good man.

And now, before we put the first ball on the tee, I do want you to join me in the Little League Pledge. Are you ready? All players ready? Doesn't look like it. [*Laughter*] Are you ready?

[*At this point, the pledge was recited.*]

The President. Play ball.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:05 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Seth Fallon, member, Maryland State Boychoir, who sang the national anthem; Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, in his capacity as 2006 commissioner of White House Tee-Ball; Capt. Sean P. Sullivan, USN, commanding officer, Naval Submarine Base New London, who served as first base coach; Col. Frederick H. Martin, USAF, commander, McGuire Air Force Base, who served as third base coach; and youth volunteer Zane Ellingwood.

Statement on the Proliferation Security Initiative

June 23, 2006

Today, members of the international community are gathered in Warsaw, Poland, to share their experiences and develop new approaches to countering the trafficking of weapons of mass destruction through the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI). Since the initiative was launched in Krakow, Poland, on May 31, 2003, the PSI has grown from a handful of nations to a global partnership of more than 70 countries from all around the world.

The PSI is dedicated to stopping all aspects of the proliferation trade and to denying terrorists, rogue states, and their supplier networks access to WMD-related materials and delivery systems. Together, we are working to disrupt the financial activities of networks that support proliferation, as called for in United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1540 and 1673. Together, we are shutting down front companies and proliferation networks and interdicting cargo carrying these dangerous materials, whether transported by land, air, or sea. With renewed determination, PSI supporters have come to Warsaw to further enhance our ability to counter WMD proliferation.

I join President Lech Kaczynski in welcoming PSI supporters to Warsaw, including our newest partners from the Persian Gulf and Central Asia. I commend all member nations for their readiness in taking on this vital task, and I urge all responsible states to join this global effort to end the WMD proliferation trade.

NOTE: The statement referred to President Lech Kaczynski of Poland.

Statement on the Resignation of Norman Y. Mineta as Secretary of Transportation

June 23, 2006

Norman Mineta has served America with integrity, dedication, and distinction. He leaves his position as the longest-serving Secretary of Transportation in our Nation's history.

Norm's life is a story of determination, courage, and service. As a child, he lived in an internment camp. As a young man, he wore his country's uniform in Korea and Japan. From there, he went on to become a mayor, a Congressman, and a Cabinet Secretary under two Presidents.

As my Secretary of Transportation, Norm performed a crucial role on September 11, 2001, leading the successful effort to bring tens of thousands of passengers aboard commercial aircraft to safe landings. His leadership was vital to strengthening the security of America's seaports and airports. Norm worked hard to help eliminate red tape and liberalize the commercial aviation market. After Hurricane Katrina, Norm and his team were able to rapidly repair and reopen the region's major highways, airports, seaports, and pipelines. He also oversaw important changes in fuel economy standards that will save fuel, save lives, and save jobs.

Norm is an inspiration to all of us and has earned the admiration of a grateful Nation. I am honored that he agreed to serve in my Cabinet. Laura and I wish Norm, Deni, and their children all the best.

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.

June 17

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

June 18

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

June 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to New York City where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Christopher Branning. He then traveled to Kings Point, NY.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia to the White House on July 5.

June 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Vienna, Austria, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate William B. Wark and William E. Wright to be members of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert L. Wilkie to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Warren Bell, Chris Boskin, and David H. Pryor to be members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to appoint Edmund G. Archuleta, David Michael Cote, and James B. Nicholson as members of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Susan Schanlaber Barnes as a member of the the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and, upon appointment, to designate her Vice Chair.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rhonda Bentz as a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.