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NOTE: The President spoke at 2:12 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to William P. Noglows, chairman and chief executive officer, Cabot Microelectronics Corp. 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.

July 1

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning June 26 and continuing.

July 2

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

The President declared a major disaster in Maryland and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes beginning on June 22 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, straight line winds, and flooding during the period of June 21–23.

July 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Then, in the Roosevelt Room, he participated in a signing ceremony for H.R. 5403, the Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kirk Van Tine as a member of the Presidential Emergency Board No. 239 and, upon appointment, to designate him as Chair.

The President announced his intention to appoint Roger P. Nober and Robert E. Peterson as members of the Presidential Emergency Board No. 239.

July 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Fort Bragg, NC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Benny Smith. He then toured U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Later, at the 3d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division Dining Facility, the President had lunch with military personnel and their families.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with Stars and Stripes newspaper.

During the day, the President met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to discuss the situation in North Korea.

In the evening, in the Residence, the President attended a dinner party to celebrate the Fourth of July and his birthday.

July 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with members of the Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba, who presented him with their official report. He then traveled to Alexandria, VA.

Later in the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

The President announced the appointment of Helgard C. Walker as a member of the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission.

The President declared a major disaster in Delaware and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on June 23 and continuing.

July 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia. Then, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with Alexa Ostolaza, the 2006 March of Dimes national ambassador.

In the afternoon, the President had a working lunch with Prime Minister Stephen J. Harper of Canada. Later, he traveled to Chicago, IL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Dave Kruger.

During the day, in the Blue Room, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an interview with Larry King of CNN.

The White House announced that the President will host President Traian Basescu of Romania at the White House on July 27.

July 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had breakfast with local business leaders.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Aurora, IL, where he toured Cabot Microelectronics Corp. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on June 23 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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 July 1

Statement by the Press Secretary on U.S-Canada agreement on softwood lumber trade

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New York

Released July 2

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Maryland

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Ohio

Released July 3

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 5403

Released July 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the North Korea missile launches

Statement by the Press Secretary on North Korea missile launches

Released July 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Delaware

Fact sheet: Basic Pilot: A Clear and Reliable Way To Verify Employment Eligibility

Released July 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Transcript of a briefing on the President's Trip to the G–8 Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush To Welcome President of Romania to the White House