

will yield exactly what we want, and that is addressing the root cause of the problem.

Thank you all for coming.

NOTE: The President's news conference began at 12:36 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq; Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel; President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority; and Prime Minister Fuad Siniora of Lebanon. Prime Minister Blair referred to President Jacques Chirac of France; Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany; Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey; and Prime Minister Matti Taneli Vanhanen and Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja of Finland, whose country currently holds the Council of the European Union Presidency.

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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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#### **July 22**

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

#### **July 23**

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

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Saud al-Faysal bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with 2006 Tour de France winner Floyd Landis to congratulate him on his victory.

#### **July 24**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, he met with soldiers injured in Iraq and presented Purple Hearts to four of them.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a signing ceremony for Public Law 109-243, the Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005.

In the evening, at the historic Evermay house, the President attended a Republican National Committee reception.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Sudan Liberation Movement Army Leader Minni Minawi at the White House on July 25.

#### **July 25**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working lunch with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Sudan Liberation Movement Army Leader Minni Minawi. He then met with Republican congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities.

The President announced his intention to nominate Margrethe Lundsager to be U.S. Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald A. Tschetter to be Director of the Peace Corps.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dianne I. Moss to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint W. Craig Vanderwagen as Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to designate Stephen R. Larson as Acting General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to designate Arthur T. Hopkins as Acting Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

The President announced his designation of Ronald J. James as Acting Chief Human Capital Officer at the Department of Homeland Security.

**July 26**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Then, in the Indian Treaty Room of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he participated in a photo opportunity with 2005 Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers recipients.

In the afternoon, the President and Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq traveled to Fort Belvoir, VA. Later, he traveled to Charleston, VA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Joe Dailey. Then, at a private residence, he attended a Shelley Moore Capito for Congress reception.

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

**July 27**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in the Middle East. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a working lunch with President Traian Basescu of Romania. Later, in the State Dining Room, he participated in a photo opportunity with members of the National FFA Organization State Presidents' Conference.

The President announced his intention to appoint Donald G. Christensen, Jeffrey W. Gault, and Samuel Metters as members of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Cancer Advisory Board: Anthony Atala (Science/Environmental Carcinogens); Bruce Allan Chabner (Science); Donald S. Coffey (Science); Lloyd K. Eversen (Public); Judah Folkman (Science); Robert A. Ingram (Public); and Karen Dow Meneses (Science).

The President announced his intention to designate Carolyn D. Runowicz as Chairman of the National Cancer Advisory Board.

**July 28**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the Big Brother of the Year, Sylvester Fulton, and the Big Sister of the Year, Betsy Gorman-Bernardi.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the Top 10 "American Idol" finalists. Then, in the East Room, he participated in a photo opportunity with the 2006 Boys and Girls Nation delegates.

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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.

**Submitted July 25**

Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be U.S. Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of 2 years, vice Nancy P. Jacklin, term expired.

Dianne I. Moss, of Colorado, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2007, vice John L. Morrison, term expired.

Ronald A. Tschetter, of Minnesota, to be Director of the Peace Corps, vice Gaddi H. Vasquez, resigned.

**Withdrawn July 27**

Rodger A. Heaton, of Illinois, to be U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois for the term of 4 years, vice Jan Paul Miller, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on July 27, 2006.