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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.

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 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.

Deborah Jean Johnson Rhodes,
of Alabama, to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of 4 years, vice David Preston York, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on July 27, 2006.

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 24

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Minni Minawi, Sudan Liberation Movement/Army Leader

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 42

Fact sheet: Honoring Immigrant Members of America's Armed Services

Released July 25

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S.J. Res. 40

Fact sheet: Prime Minister Maliki's Meeting With President Bush

Released July 26

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 655

Released July 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: House Passage of India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Legislation

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 9, H.R. 2872, and H.R. 5117

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 5865

Fact sheet: Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006

Fact sheet: The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006

Released July 28

Statement by the Press Secretary: U.S. Support for Congolese Elections

Acts Approved by the President

Approved July 24

H.R. 42 / Public Law 109–243
Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005

Approved July 25

S.J. Res. 40 / Public Law 109–244
Authorizing the printing and binding of a supplement to, and revised edition of, Senate Procedure.

Approved July 26

S. 655 / Public Law 109–245
To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Approved July 27

H.R. 9 / Public Law 109–246
Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006

H.R. 2872 / Public Law 109–247
Louis Braille Bicentennial—Braille Literacy Commemorative Coin Act

H.R. 4472 / Public Law 109–248
Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006