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September 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan to discuss Japan-U.S. relations and to congratulate him on his September 26 election victory. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He then met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Later, in the morning, the President traveled to Memphis, TN, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Linda Smith.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a luncheon for senatorial candidate Bob Corker. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working dinner with Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley, President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, and President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan.

September 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Hoover, AL, where, at the Hoover Public Safety Center, he participated in a briefing on energy. He then participated in an interview with the Wall Street Journal.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Birmingham, AL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Heather Shufelt. Later, he traveled to Columbus, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Eva Bradshaw. He then traveled to New Albany, OH.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a reception for congressional candidate Deborah Pryce. He then returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Ivo Sanader of Croatia to the White House on October 17.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dana Gioia to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric D. Eberhard to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Commission on Drug-Free Communities: Catherine Thatcher Brunson (Public); Dennis Griffith (National Substance Abuse Reduction Organization); Steve Moak (National Substance Abuse Reduction Organization); and Janet R. Wood (State Substance Abuse Reduction Organization).

September 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in separate signing ceremonies for S. 418, the Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act, and S. 3850, the Credit Rating Agency Reform Act of 2006.

In the evening, at the Library of Congress, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the 2006 National Book Festival Gala and dinner. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert F. Hoyt to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

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 September 26

Kevin M. Kolevar,
of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability), vice John S. Shaw, resigned.

Jane C. Luxton,
of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, vice James R. Mahoney.

Thurgood Marshall, Jr.,
of Virginia, to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2011, vice Ned R. McWherter, term expired.

Phillip L. Swagel,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Mark J. Warshawsky, resigned.

Submitted September 28

Michele A. Davis,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Antonio Fratto.

Eric D. Eberhard,
of Washington, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2012, vice Malcolm B. Bowekaty, term expiring.

Dana Gioia,
of California, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Submitted September 29

John Roberts Hackman,
of Virginia, to be U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of 4 years, vice John Francis Clark.

Robert F. Hoyt,
of Maryland, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, vice Arnold I. Havens, resigned.

William Lindsay Osteen, Jr.,
of North Carolina, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, vice William L. Osteen, Sr., retired.

Martin Karl Reidinger,
of North Carolina, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, vice Graham C. Mullen, retired.

Thomas D. Schroeder,
of North Carolina, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, vice Frank W. Bullock, Jr., retired.

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 September 25

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Released September 26

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Frances Fragos Townsend

Fact sheet: Achieving Greater Transparency and Accountability in Government

Released September 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's dinner with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan and President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 866, H.R. 2808, S. 1773, and S. 2784

Released September 28

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Prime Minister Sanader of Croatia to Washington

Released September 29

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statements by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 3525, S. 3850, and S. 418

Fact sheet: Afghanistan and Pakistan: Strong Allies in the War on Terror