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And in the midst, put a country that doesn't like us with a nuclear weapon. And what's going to happen 30 years from now is, people will say, "What happened to those folks in 2006? How come they couldn't see the impending danger? What clouded their vision?"

I want to tell you all, my vision is clear. I see the threat. I understand the consequences of the world in which we live. America must lead. We will support our troops in Iraq. We will fight in Iraq, and we will win in Iraq.

If you got a second, I'd like to share one other story about the power of liberty.

Audience member. [*Inaudible*]

The President. Thank you. [*Laughter*] Recently Laura and I took our friend, who was then the Prime Minister of Japan, to Elvis's place. You might remember that. Oh, they said, "Why did you go to Elvis's place?" Well, I had never been there. [*Laughter*] Prime Minister Koizumi wanted to go there—he was an Elvis fan. I also wanted to tell a story. It's important for all people to understand this story, but particularly for people who are trying to figure out the world in which we live and the power of liberty.

See, after the Japanese attacked our country, a lot of young Americans signed up. You've got relatives who signed up to fight the sworn enemy, the Japanese. So did I—my dad. And then he, like thousands, went through a bloody battle. We lost a lot of Americans, and the Japanese lost a lot—it was a brutal war, brutal war. And yet it's amazing, isn't it, that years later his son is on the airplane with the Prime Minister of the former enemy flying to Elvis's place. And guess what we talked about—keeping the peace. Isn't that interesting?

We talked about working together to convince the North Korean leader to give up his nuclear weapons. We talked about the fact that Japan has 1,000—had 1,000 troops in Iraq. The Prime Minister and I understand that when you find a young democracy in this ideological struggle against reason versus extremists, you got to help those young democracies. It's in our long-term interests that we help people realize the blessings of liberty. We talked about the need to help fight the pandemic of HIV/AIDS on the continent of Africa, which the United States is doing. We talked about feeding the hungry. We talked about keeping the peace.

My dad fought the Japanese; his son is talking about keeping the peace with the Japanese. Liberty—the lesson is this: Liberty has got the capacity to change an enemy into an ally, and liberty has got the capacity to change a region of despair and hopelessness into a region of light and hope. Liberty is the best way to defeat the enemies of freedom in the long run.

Someday, an American President will be sitting down with duly elected leaders from the Middle East talking about keeping the peace, and a generation of Americans will be better off.

These are the stakes in this election, and I'm asking you to go from the hall and find fellow Republicans, discerning Democrats, and openminded independents, and remind them about the stakes in this election. If you want your taxes low so you can have more money to spend and this economy continues to be strong, vote for Jim Talent. If you want the United States to do everything that we can to protect you and to lay the foundation of peace for generations to come, vote for Jim Talent.

It's such an honor to be with you. I thank you for your time. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless the United States.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:55 a.m. at Missouri Southern State University. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Matt Blunt of Missouri; former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; Usama bin Laden, leader of the Al Qaida terrorist organization; former Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan; and Chairman Kim Jong Il of North Korea.

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.

October 28

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Sellersburg, IN, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Judy Seelye. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman, which was broadcast to grassroots campaign supporters throughout the country.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Charleston Air Force Base, SC.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with William O. DeWitt, owner, St. Louis Cardinals, to congratulate him on winning the Major League Baseball World Series.

In the evening, the President traveled to Kiawah Island, SC, where, at a private residence, he attended a Republican National Committee dinner. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

October 29

In the afternoon, in the Family Theater, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a screening of the film "Children of Glory."

In the evening, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a dinner for "Children of Glory" guests.

October 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Hunter Army Airfield, GA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Rebekah Rotton. He then traveled to Statesboro, GA.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with Sean Hannity of FOX News, for later broadcast.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Houston, TX, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Pat McWaters. He then traveled to Sugar Land, TX.

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

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Elliott Bryan Broidy; Emilio Estefan, Jr.; Sheldon B. Kamins; James V. Kimsey; Norman Y. Mineta; and Stephen A. Wynn.

October 31

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Map Room, the President participated in separate interviews with Alison Burns of Cox Broadcasting, Morris Jones of Sinclair Broadcast Group, and Melissa Charbonneau of Christian Broadcasting Network.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Robins Air Force Base, GA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Eloise Hadaway. He then traveled to Perry, GA.

In the evening, the President returned to Robins Air Force Base, where he met with families and passed out Halloween candy. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

November 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Later in the morning, the President participated in a telephone interview with Rush Limbaugh of The Rush Limbaugh Show. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in an interview with Terence Hunt of the Associated Press, Steve Holland of Reuters, and Richard Keil of Bloomberg News.

November 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Billings, MT, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Mark Polakoff.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Elko, NV, where, upon arrival, he met with

USA Freedom Corps volunteer Cathy McAdoo.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Springfield, MO, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Dennis Jones.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to observe the Presidential and legislative elections in Managua, Nicaragua, on November 5: Paul Trivelli; J. Bennett Johnston; and Bill Paxon.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dan Gregory Blair to be a member of the Postal Rate Commission and, upon confirmation, to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Scott A. Keller to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations).

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul A. Schneider to be Under Secretary for Management at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Council on the Arts: Benjamin Donenberg; Foreststorn Hamilton; Joan Israelite; Charlotte P. Kessler; Robert Bretley Lott; and William Francis Price, Jr.

The President announced his intention to appoint Juan Carlos Iturregui and Leonard Sands as members of the President's Export Council.

The President declared a major disaster in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms on July 19–21.

The President declared a major disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on October 16 and continuing.

November 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Joplin, MO.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Sioux City, IA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Earl Belt. He then traveled to Le Mars, IA.

In the evening, the President traveled to Englewood, CO.

The President announced that he has named Craig M. Albright as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Ross Kyle as Special Assistant to the President for Cabinet Liaison.

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 October 30

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary: Congolese Elections

Released October 31

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: U.S.-EU Economic Ministerial

Excerpts of the President's remarks at a Georgia Victory 2006 rally

Released November 1

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Global Initiative To Combat Nuclear Terrorism