

Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, for the duration of the conference.

The President announced his intention to designate John A. Gastright as U.S. Coordinator for Afghanistan and nominate him for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure as U.S. Coordinator for Afghanistan at the Department of State.

The President announced his intention to designate James H. Herring as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to designate Raymond Simon as Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brock D. Bierman as the Small State and Rural Advocate at the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the Department of Homeland Security.

### **August 3**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President went to the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building where he had lunch with his counterterrorism and homeland security teams. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President declared an emergency in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on July 9–11.

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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.

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### **Submitted July 31**

Andrew R. Cochran, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, vice Nikki Rush Tinsley, resigned.

Robert L. Smolen, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Thomas P. D'Agostino.

### **Submitted August 2 \***

A. Paul Anderson, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2012 (reappointment).

Dennis W. Carlton, of Illinois, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Katherine Baicker, resigned.

Julie Fisher Cummings, of Michigan, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring September 14, 2011, vice William A. Schambra, term expired.

Cynthia Dyer, of Texas, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice, vice Diane M. Stuart, resigned.

John A. Gastright, of South Carolina, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Coordinator for Afghanistan, Department of State.

Mark D. Gearan, of New York, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 1, 2010 (reappointment).

Carl B. Kress, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2011, vice Steven Robert Blust, resigned.

Tom Osborne, of Nebraska, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2012, vice Cynthia Boich, term expiring.

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\* These nominations were released by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 3.

Jeffrey William Runge,  
of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary  
for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer,  
Department of Homeland Security (new po-  
sition).

Alan D. Solomont,  
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the  
Board of Directors of the Corporation for  
National and Community Service for a term  
expiring October 6, 2009 (reappointment).

Margaret Spellings,  
of Texas, to be designated a Representative  
of the United States of America to the Thirty-  
fourth Session of the General Conference of  
the United Nations Educational, Scientific,  
and Cultural Organization.

Donna N. Williams,  
of Texas, to be a member of the Board of  
Directors of the Corporation for National  
and Community Service for a term expiring  
October 6, 2009, vice Marc Racicot, term ex-  
pired.

### ***Submitted August 3***

Stuart Ishimaru,  
of the District of Columbia, to be a member  
of the Equal Employment Opportunity Com-  
mission for a term expiring July 1, 2012 (re-  
appointment).

### ***Withdrawn August 3***

Richard E. Hoagland,  
of the District of Columbia, a career member  
of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Min-  
ister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraor-  
dinary and Plenipotentiary of the United  
States of America to the Republic of Arme-  
nia, which was sent to the Senate on January  
9, 2007.

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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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.

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### ***Released July 30***

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing  
that the President signed S. 966

### ***Released July 31***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing  
that the President signed S. 1868

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster  
assistance to the Federated States of Micro-  
nesia

### ***Released August 1***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing  
that the President signed H.J. Res. 44

### ***Released August 2***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Sen-  
ate vote on Judge Leslie Southwick

### ***Released August 3***

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy  
Press Secretary Scott M. Stanzel

Transcript of a press briefing by Council of  
Economic Advisers Chairman Edward P.  
Lazear and Office of Management and Budg-  
et Director Robert J. Portman on the na-  
tional economy and Federal budget

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on  
FISA modernization

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on  
the Senate passage of intelligence legislation

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing  
that the President signed H.R. 2429

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster  
assistance to Vermont

Fact sheet: Job Creation Continues—More  
Than 8.3 Million Jobs Created Since August  
2003