

can do better solving problems when we work together.

So I appreciate your time, appreciate your friendship, and appreciate the chance to dialog on important matters.

President Putin. And we also agreed that we will enjoy fishing not only in the United States but somewhere in Siberia very soon.

President Bush. Yes, sir. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:51 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel at Circular Quay. President Putin spoke in Russian, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

Statement on the Death of D. James Kennedy

September 7, 2007

Dr. D. James Kennedy was a man of great vision, faith, and integrity. Under his leadership, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church of Florida developed from a small group of worshipers in an elementary school cafeteria into one of America's most prominent congregations. Dr. Kennedy's message of love and hope inspired millions of Americans and others worldwide through the institutions he founded, including Coral Ridge Ministries, Knox Theological Seminary, and Westminster Academy. He was also a student of history and successful author who encouraged Americans of faith to exercise their democratic freedoms and put their values into practice. His legacy of grace and personal humility will continue to influence hearts and lives.

Laura and I pray for Anne, his wife of over 50 years, and the rest of the Kennedy family.

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.

September 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

September 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Al Asad Air Base in Iraq.

During the day, the President met with General David H. Petraeus, commanding general, Multi-National Force—Iraq, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker, Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, Admiral William J. Fallon, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Later, he met with Sunni tribal and Provincial leaders.

Also during the day, the President participated in separate interviews with CBS News and NBC News.

In the evening, the President traveled to Sydney, Australia, arriving the following evening. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with travel pool reporters.

September 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced that he has nominated Gregory F. Jacob to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

The President announced that he has nominated Robert D. Jamison to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced that he has nominated James F. Moriarty to be Ambassador to Bangladesh.

The President announced that he has nominated Christopher A. Padilla to be Under Secretary for International Trade at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced that he has nominated Paula J. Dobriansky for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure as Special Envoy to Northern Ireland.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marc S. Goldman as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad: William C. Daroff; Jules Fleischer; Peter Hawryluk; Lee Seeman; and Lawrence E. Steinberg.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations: Jorge L. Arrizurieta; Craig Radford Barrett; Michael E. Campbell; Thomas J. Donohue; Anthony H. Gioia; William P. Hite; Kenneth I. Juster; Robert A. McDonald; Edward Joseph Perkins; and Robert Stallman.

The President announced his intention to appoint Arthur D. Collins, Jr., Leon Trammell, and Stephen R. Tritch as members of the President's Export Council.

The President announced his intention to designate Kerry N. Weems as Acting Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the Department of Health and Human Services.

September 5

In the morning, at the InterContinental Sydney, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Garden Island, where, at the Royal Australia Navy Heritage Centre, he met with members of the Australian Defense Force. Later, he attended a musical performance by Felicity Urquhart. He then returned to the InterContinental Sydney.

During the day, the President toured Sydney Harbor with Prime Minister John Howard of Australia.

In the evening, the President traveled to Admiralty House, where, in the Drawing Room, he met with Governor General Philip Michael Jeffery of Australia. Later, in the Dining Room at Kirribilli House, he had dinner with Prime Minister Howard. He then returned to the InterContinental Sydney.

The President announced that he has named Barry Jackson as Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Joie A. Gregor as Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel.

September 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Premier's Room at the InterContinental Sydney, he met with Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd of Australia. He then visited the Australian National Maritime Museum.

Later in the morning, in the Fort Macquarie Room at the InterContinental Sydney, the President met with U.S. Embassy staff and their families.

The President announced that he has named Joel A. Scanlon as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Strategic Initiatives.

The President announced that he has named Dianna Campagna as Special Assistant to the President and Executive Secretary for the Office of the Counsel to the President.

September 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer of the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vincent Obsitnik to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

The President announced his intention to nominate Todd J. Zinser to be Inspector General at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to nominate Walter Lukken to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: John A. Garcia; Julia A. King; Thomas R. Miller; and Ann A. Pritzlaff.

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 4 *

Paula J. Dobriansky, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Special Envoy for Northern Ireland.

Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor, vice Howard Radzely.

Robert D. Jamison, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, Department of Homeland Security, vice George W. Foresman, resigned.

James Francis Moriarty, of Massachusetts, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Dan Mozena, of Iowa, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Angola.

Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Chad.

Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, vice Franklin L. Lavin, resigned.

* These nominations were released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 5.

Paul E. Simons, of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Chile.

Withdrawn September 4 *

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of 4 years (re-appointment), which was sent to the Senate on May 21, 2007.

Scott A. Keller, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Steven B. Nesmith, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

David Palmer, of Maryland, to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2011, vice Cari M. Dominguez, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Submitted September 6

Stanley Thomas Anderson, of Tennessee, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, vice James D. Todd, retiring.

E. Duncan Getchell, Jr., of Virginia, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, vice H. Emory Widener, Jr., retired.

Steve A. Matthews, of South Carolina, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, vice William W. Wilkins, Jr., retired.

John A. Mendez, of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of California, vice David F. Levi, resigned.

Withdrawn September 6

Mary O. Donohue, of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York, vice

* These withdrawals were released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 5.