

the Dining Room, he had a working dinner with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel. Later, he returned to the King David Hotel.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the inauguration of Alvaro Colom Caballeros as President of Guatemala in Guatemala City on January 14: Michael O. Leavitt (head of delegation); James M. Derham; Rob Mosbacher; Sara Martinez Tucker; and Christopher A. Padilla.

The President announced his intention to nominate William J. Brennan to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Gregory Copeland to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dorla M. Salling to be a member of the U.S. Parole Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kurt D. Volker to be U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

### **January 11**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Quartet Representative in the Middle East Tony Blair. He then visited the Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, where he rekindled the Eternal Flame and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Galilee, Israel, where he toured the Capernaum archaeological ruins. He then visited the Mount of the Beatitudes chapel.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Tel Aviv, Israel. He then traveled to Kuwait City, Kuwait, where, upon arrival at the Kuwait International Airport, he participated in an arrival ceremony with Amir Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah of Kuwait. Later, he traveled to the Bayan Palace Guest House.

In the evening, the President traveled to Dar Salwa Palace, where he participated in a greeting with Amir Sabah. Then, in the Dining Room, he had dinner with Amir

Sabah. Later, he returned to the Bayan Palace Guest House.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm from December 10–12.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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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 January 7**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings

Fact sheet: Six Years of Student Achievement Under No Child Left Behind

### **Released January 8**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Transcript of a background briefing by a senior administration official on the President's meeting with President Gul of Turkey

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that on January 7 the President signed H.R. 660, H.R. 3690, and S. 863, and on January 8 he signed H.R. 2640

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Nevada

Fact sheet: Helping Iraq Achieve Economic and Political Stabilization