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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.

December 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Philadelphia, PA, where, at the Union League of Philadelphia headquarters, he received the Union League of Philadelphia's Gold Medal Award. He then traveled to Lincoln Financial Field, where he visited the U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Military Academy football teams' locker rooms prior to the Army-Navy football game.

In the afternoon, the President participated in the Army-Navy football game coin toss and then watched the game. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

December 7

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a reception for Kennedy Center honorees.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the Kennedy Center Honors Gala at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

December 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to McLean, VA, where he visited the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the National Counterterrorism Center and participated in briefings.

In the afternoon, the President met and had lunch with National Counterterrorism Center staff. He then returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Library, he participated in an interview with Cynthia McFadden of ABC News.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Elias Antonio Saca Gonzalez of El Salvador to the White House on December 16.

December 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to West Point, NY, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Sgt. Jermaine Malone, USA.

In the afternoon, at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the President met with West Point senior cadets. He then participated in an interview with the Pentagon Channel.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, where, upon arrival on the South Lawn, he met with Lance Cpl. Patrick P. Pittman, Jr., USMC, and Lance Cpl. Marc E. Olson, USMC, who were both wounded in a suicide bomb attack in Ramadi, Iraq. He also met with Lance Cpl. Pittman's father, Patrick P. Pittman, Sr., and Lance Cpl. Olson's mother, Janice Kloski.

December 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in an interview with Tom Bevan and John McIntyre of RealClearPolitics. He then participated in an interview with Liz Clarke of the Washington Post.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a presentation ceremony for recipients of the Presidential Citizens Medal. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he participated in a video teleconference with democracy advocate bloggers from Belarus, China, Cuba, Egypt, Iran, and Venezuela.

The President announced his intention to nominate Matthew W. Friedrich to be Assistant Attorney General (Criminal Division).

December 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., to discuss bailout legislation for the automobile industry.

In the evening, the President was briefed on Congress's failure to pass bailout legislation for the automobile industry.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation: Richard D. Fairbanks; Arthur G. Linkletter; Sonya E. Medina; Stephen Odland; and Jose R. Ramos.

December 12

In the morning, the President met separately with several White House staff members to discuss failed bailout legislation for the automobile industry. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to College Station, TX. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with Kim Strassel of the Wall Street Journal.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, at the State Department, he and Mrs. Bush attended a holiday reception for the diplomatic corps.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm and record and near record snow from November 5–7.

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 December 8

Brad Cole,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for the remainder of the term expiring October 6, 2012, vice Tom Osborne, resigned.

Cheryl Feldman Halpern,
of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Roszell Dulany Hunter,
of Virginia, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, vice John A. Simon, resigned.

Submitted December 11

Matthew W. Friedrich,
of Texas, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Alice S. Fisher, resigned.

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 December 5 *

Fact sheet: Progress in the Middle East: Freedom, Prosperity, and Hope

Released December 7

Fact sheet: The Bush Administration has Provided Unprecedented Support for Our Veterans

Released December 8

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by President Elias Antonio Saca of El Salvador

Statement by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on a Sunday New York Times editorial concerning pre-war intelligence and the war in Iraq

Released December 9

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Fact sheet: Transforming Our Armed Forces to Face the Threats of Today and Tomorrow

Released December 10

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Joel Kaplan

Fact sheet: Promoting Human Rights Worldwide

* This item was inadvertently omitted from last week's issue.