

Appendix A—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 book.

July 1

In the afternoon, at the Bush family home in Kennebunkport, ME, the President and Mrs. Bush welcomed President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a social dinner for President Putin.

July 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a social luncheon for President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area impacted by severe storms and flooding beginning on June 26 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on June 19.

July 3

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, President Jalal Talabani, and Vice Presidents Adil Abd Al-Mahdi and Tariq al-Hashimi of Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he visited with wounded U.S. military personnel and presented Purple Heart medals to three soldiers.

July 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Martins-

burg, WV. He then returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President attended a dinner and party hosted by Mrs. Bush in celebration of his upcoming birthday. Later, they viewed the Independence Day fireworks display on The National Mall from the White House.

July 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President attended a Washington Nationals baseball game to celebrate his upcoming birthday.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart J. Ishimaru to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel D. Heath to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund.

July 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

July 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes beginning on June 10 and continuing.

July 8

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

July 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA. He then returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in an interview with Georgina Carnegie for the Australian program, "Visions

of Leadership,” which will air during the APEC summit in September. Later, at Blair House, he and Mrs. Bush attended a reception for Counselor to the President Daniel J. Bartlett.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robin Renee Sanders to be Ambassador to Nigeria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Diane D. Rath to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to designate Reuben Jeffery III and Howard Radzely as members of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

July 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Cleveland, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Gerris Farris. He then traveled to Parma, OH.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Cleveland, OH, where, at Slyman’s Restaurant, he had lunch with community leaders.

In the afternoon, the President toured the Cleveland Clinic. Later, he returned to Washington, DC. Upon arrival at Andrews Air Force Base, he met with soldiers and marines injured in the war on terror.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the opening ceremonies of the XV Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 13:

Michael O. Leavitt (head of delegation);
Clifford M. Sobel;
Donna Richardson Joyner;
George P. Bush; and
Luis Tiant.

July 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gene A. Cretz to be Ambassador to Libya.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald M. Kerr to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Kimmitt to be Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate John S. Bresland to be a member and chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles R.H. Shearer to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas C. Gilliland, William H. Graves, and Susan Richardson Williams to be members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kyle E. McSlarrow, Ivan Seidenberg, and Mike Zafirovski as members of the President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced that he has designated David L. Bernhardt as Acting U.S. Commissioner of the Part of the United States on the International Boundary Commission (U.S. and Canada).

July 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will meet with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the White House on July 17.

July 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in an interview with Fred Barnes, Stephen F. Hayes, and William Kristol of the Weekly Standard; Michael Barone of U.S. News & World Report; Charles Krauthammer of the Washington Post; Larry Kudlow, Rich Lowry, and Kate O’Beirne of the National Review; and syndicated columnist Kathleen Parker.

July 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

July 15

In the afternoon, on the South Lawn, the President participated in an interview with Karl Ravech of ESPN.

July 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, President Jalal Talabani, and Vice Presidents Adil Abd Al-Mahdi and Tariq al-Hashimi of Iraq.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had lunch with President Lech Kaczynski of Poland. Later, he traveled to McLean, VA.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a National Republican Senatorial Committee reception. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan to Camp David on August 5 and 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sean R. Mulvaney to be Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (Management).

The President announced his intention to designate John E. Mansfield as Vice Chairman of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Charles W. Grim as Acting Director of the Indian Health Service, Public Health Service at the Department of Health and Human Services.

July 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a briefing by Director of National Intelligence J. Michael McConnell on the new National Intelligence Estimate.

The President declared a major disaster in North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding June 2–18.

July 18

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Khalifa bin Zayid al-Nahayyan of the United Arab Emirates. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Landover, MD. He then toured Man & Machine, Inc. Later, he participated in an interview with Christopher Lee of the Washington Post.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate David T. Johnson to be Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

The President announced his intention to designate Craig S. Morford as Acting Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice.

July 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Nashville, TN, where, upon arrival, he met with Sgt. J. Kevin Downs of the Army National Guard, who was wounded in Iraq in August 2005, and his parents Catherine and Joe Downs. He then met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bill Yancey.

Later in the morning, the President toured the Nashville Bun Company.

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

The President announced that he has named Judith Ansley as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser for Regional Affairs on the National Security Council.

The President announced that he has named Andrew D. Ciafardini as Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Harold H. Kim as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Brett H. McGurk as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Iraq and Afghanistan, Strategic Planning and Policy Development on the National Security Council.

The President announced that he has named Stephen D. Potts as Associate Counsel to the President.

The President announced that he has named Rachael Leigh Sunbarger as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Advance for Press.

The President announced that he has named Ronald C. Williams as Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Senior Director for Nuclear Defense Policy on the Homeland Security Council.

July 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Abdullah II of Jordan to the White House on July 24.

July 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

July 22

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

July 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced that he has named Cynthia Bergman as Special Assistant to the President for Communications.

The President announced that he has named Ann Thomas G. Johnston as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Jason Recher as Special Assistant to the President and Trip Director.

July 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Charleston Air Force Base in Charleston, SC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with President Georgi Parvanov of Bulgaria to discuss the return of the Bulgarian nurses who were released from prison in Libya on July 24 and Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to congratulate him on his party's July 22 election victory.

Later in the morning, the President viewed the loading of cargo planes for shipment to Iraq. He then had lunch with military personnel.

In the afternoon, the President met with family members of the Charleston firefighters who died on June 18. Later, he presented the Congressional Gold Medal to Tuskegee Airman Earl M. Middleton. He then returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, in the Residence, the President had dinner with King Abdullah II of Jordan.

The President announced his intention to nominate James D. McGee to be Ambassador to Zimbabwe.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vincent Obsitnik to be Ambassador to Slovenia.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding May 28–June 2.

July 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President participated in a photo opportunity with the 2007 Boys and Girls Nation delegates.

July 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Philadelphia, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers Carly and Molly Houlahan.

Later in the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President participated in a photo opportunity with National and State Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization members.

The White House announced that the President will host Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom at Camp David on July 29 and 30.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark M. Boulware to be Ambassador to Mauritania.

The President announced his intention to nominate Benjamin E. Sasse to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services (Planning and Evaluation).

The President announced his intention to nominate Barry L. Wells to be Ambassador to The Gambia.

July 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

July 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

July 29

In the afternoon, the President welcomed Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom to Camp David, MD.

In the evening, the President had dinner with Prime Minister Brown.

July 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with Ezekiel Taylor, the 2007 March of Dimes national ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andrew R. Cochran to be Inspector General of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert L. Smolen to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration.

July 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President met with Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi.

The President declared an emergency in the Federated States of Micronesia and ordered Federal aid to supplement national and state response efforts in the area impacted by a drought beginning on March 5 and continuing.

August 1

In the morning, in the Private Dining Room, the President had breakfast with bipartisan congressional leaders. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He then had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in an interview with David Aaronovitch of Juniper Communications. Later, at Blair House, he attended a reception for Of-

fice of Management and Budget Director Robert J. Portman.

In the evening, the President was informed of the Minneapolis bridge collapse in Minneapolis, MN.

The President announced that he has named James F. Jeffrey as Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser.

August 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Governor Timothy J. Pawlenty of Minnesota, Mayor R.T. Rybak of Minneapolis, MN, and Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters to discuss the Interstate 35W bridge collapse in Minneapolis, MN.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with Martha Raddatz of ABC News.

The President announced his intention to nominate A. Paul Anderson to be a Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission, and to designate him Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dennis W. Carlton to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cynthia Dyer to be Director of the Office of Violence Against Women at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carl B. Kress to be a Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey W. Runge to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service:

Julie Fisher Cummings;
Mark D. Gearan;
Tom Osborne;
Alan D. Solomont; and
Donna N. Williams.

The President announced his intention to nominate Margaret Spellings to be a Representative of the U.S. to the 34th General 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, Jr., 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.

August 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Minneapolis, MN, where he took an aerial tour of the damaged Interstate 35W bridge. He then took a walking tour of the affected area.

Later in the morning, the President met with family members of victims of the bridge collapse.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Camp David, MD.

August 5

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush welcomed President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush had dinner with President Karzai.

August 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

August 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and his defense policy and programs and foreign policy teams.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister John W. Howard of Australia.

August 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah to discuss the situation in the Crandall Canyon Mine.

Later in the morning, at the Treasury Department, the President had lunch with his economic advisers.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Barry Bonds, left fielder, San Francisco Giants, to congratulate him on breaking the Major League Baseball career home run record. He then participated in separate interviews with Neil Cavuto of FOX News and economic reporters.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to the White House.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome President Nicolas Sarkozy of France to Kennebunkport, ME, for a private lunch on August 11.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the funeral of former Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa of Japan on August 28: J. Dennis Hastert (head of delegation); and John T. Schieffer.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on July 11–12.

August 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush family home in Kennebunkport, ME.

August 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

August 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a social lunch for President Nicolas Sarkozy of France.

August 12

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

August 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

August 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India.

The President announced his intention to appoint Anthony K. Dungy as a member of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Anthony C. Wisniewski as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.

August 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced that he has named Jess Sharp as Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced that he has named John D. Adams as Associate Counsel to the President.

The President announced that he has named Todd F. Braunstein as Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced that he has named Terry A. Wolff as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Iraq and Afghanistan Policy Implementation.

The President announced that he has named Mary Burce Warlick as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russia of the National Security Council.

August 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a briefing on the August 15 earthquake in Peru.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dan W. Mozena to be Ambassador to Angola.

The President announced his intention to nominate Louis J. Nigro, Jr., to be Ambassador to Chad.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul E. Simons to be Ambassador to Chile.

August 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a briefing on the situation at the Crandall Canyon Mine in Utah.

In the afternoon, at the Broken Spoke Ranch, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a Republican National Committee reception.

August 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared an emergency in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Dean beginning on August 17 and continuing.

August 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a briefing on the National Intelligence Estimate. Later, he had briefings on Hurricane Dean and Tropical Storm Erin.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Ottawa, Canada. Prior to his departure from Texas State Technical College Airport in Waco, TX, he awarded the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service to Harry McKillop.

In the afternoon, at the Ottawa International Airport, the President participated in a greeting with Governor General Michaëlle Jean of Canada and her husband Jean-Daniel Lafond. Later, he traveled to Montebello, Canada. Upon arrival at the Fairmont Le Chateau Montebello, he participated in a greeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada.

Later in the afternoon, in the Ontario Room of the Fairmont Le Chateau Montebello, the President met with Prime Minister Harper. He then met with President Felipe de Jesus Calderon Hinojosa of Mexico.

In the evening, in the Manoir Papineau—Salon Amedee of the Fairmont Le Chateau Montebello, the President attended a North American leaders' dinner.

August 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, on the porch of the Fairmont Le Chateau Montebello, he had a working breakfast with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada and President Felipe de Jesus Calderon Hinojosa of Mexico. Later, in the Canada Room of the Fairmont Le Chateau Montebello, he met with the North American Competitiveness Council.

Later in the morning, in the Curling Rink—Heritage Room, the President participated in a photo opportunity with Prime Minister Harper and President Calderon. He then participated in a North American leaders' meeting.

In the afternoon, at the Ottawa International Airport, the President met with U.S. Embassy staff and their families. He then traveled to Minneapolis, MN, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Jim Daly. Later, he traveled to Eden Prairie, MN.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a Norm Coleman for U.S. Senate and Minnesota Republican Party reception. Later, he traveled to Kansas City, MO, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Janet Parks.

The President declared an emergency in Minnesota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area impacted by the bridge collapse in Minneapolis on August 1.

August 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to Riverside, MO. Later, he returned to Kansas City, MO.

Later in the morning, the President met with family members of military personnel killed in the war on terror.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

August 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Minnesota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on August 18 and continuing.

August 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Rev. Billy Graham.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales to discuss his resignation.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the dedication ceremony of the Afghanistan-Tajikistan Bridge on August 26: Carlos M. Gutierrez (head of delegation); William B. Wood; and Tracey Ann Jacobson.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to the 50th anniversary celebration of Malaysia's independence in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on August 31:

Jeffrey C. Sell (head of delegation);
Christopher J. LaFleur;
Karan K. Bhatia; and
Talal Eid.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on August 18 and continuing.

August 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

August 26

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales and his wife Rebecca Turner Gonzales.

The President declared a major disaster in Wisconsin and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on August 18 and continuing.

August 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Albuquerque, NM, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Pat Dee. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with President Jalal Talabani, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, and Vice Presidents Tariq al-Hashimi and Adil Abd Al-Mahdi of Iraq, and Masoud Barzani, president, Kurdistan region in Iraq.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a People for Pete Domenici reception. Later, he traveled to Bellevue, WA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bernie Krane. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Scott Kellogg, deputy director, Rio Rancho Police Department, NM, to express his condolences for the death of Rio Rancho Police Officer Germaine Casey, who was killed in a motorcycle accident while protecting the President's motorcade.

Later in the afternoon, while en route to the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, the President had a telephone conversation with Lisa Casey, wife of police officer Germaine Casey, to express his condolences for the death of her husband.

In the evening, the President traveled to Reno, NV, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Cathy Levine.

The President declared a major disaster in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes beginning on August 20 and continuing.

August 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with family members of military personnel killed in the war on terror.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to New Orleans, LA, where, upon arrival in the evening, he was joined by Mrs. Bush. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President-elect Abdullah Gul of Turkey to congratulate him on his election victory.

Later in the evening, the President met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Allison Stouse.

August 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School for Science and Technology, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a meeting with Louisiana education officials. They then participated in a moment of silence to honor the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Bay St. Louis, MS, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, at Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Community Center, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a briefing on Mississippi rebuilding efforts. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding June 11–16.

August 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Jose Socrates of Portugal to the White House on September 17 in his dual roles as Prime Minister and President of the European Council.

The President declared a major disaster in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on August 7 and 8.

August 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the

areas struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes on August 8.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes May 24–June 1.

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. “Fox” Fallon, USN, 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, aboard Air Force One, 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 for 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 R. Barrett;
Michael E. Campbell;
Thomas J. Donohue;
Anthony H. Gioia;
William P. Hite;
Kenneth I. Juster;
Robert A. McDonald;
Edward J. 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 W. 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 M. 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 Slovakia.

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.

September 8

In the morning, at the InterContinental Sydney, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Rooftop Executive Lounge of the InterContinental Sydney, he had a working breakfast with Prime Minister John W. Howard of Australia and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to the Sydney Opera House, where, in the Concert Hall Southern Foyer, he participated in an official welcome with Prime Minister Howard. Then, in the Utzon Room, he participated in the APEC Leaders Dialogue with the APEC Business Advisory Council.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a photo opportunity with APEC leaders. Then, at the Guillaume at Bennelong Restaurant, he had lunch with APEC leaders. Later, he participated in the APEC Leaders official photograph.

Later in the afternoon, in The Studio, the President participated in APEC Leaders Retreat I.

In the evening, in the Concert Hall, the President attended a cultural performance. Later, on the Granite level of the Concert Hall Northern Foyer, he viewed a fireworks display and the Parade of Tall Ships. He then participated in the APEC Official Leaders dinner.

Later in the evening, the President traveled to Hickam Air Force Base, HI, crossing the international dateline and arriving in the morning, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Caroline Tom. In the afternoon, he traveled to Naval Station Pearl Harbor, where, in the dining room of the Admiral's residence, he had lunch with military commanders. He then returned to Washington, DC, arriving the following morning.

The President declared a major disaster in North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and a tornado on August 26 and 27.

September 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael

O. Leavitt to discuss the initial report by the Interagency Working Group on Import Safety.

September 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at St. John's Episcopal Church, he attended a service of prayer and remembrance to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Then, at 8:46 a.m., on the South Lawn, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a moment of silence to honor the anniversary of the attacks.

The President announced that he has named Henry C. Lozano as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of USA Freedom Corps.

September 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Family Theater, he participated in a speech preparation session for his September 13 address to the Nation.

In the afternoon, in the Family Theater, the President participated in a speech preparation session for his September 13 address to the Nation.

The President announced that he has nominated Daniel V. Speckhard to be Ambassador to Greece.

The President announced that he has nominated Thomas F. Stephenson to be Ambassador to Portugal.

The President announced that he has nominated William H. Frist and Kenneth F. Hackett to be members of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

The President announced that he has nominated William Delahunt, George E. Pataki, and Ted Poe to be U.S. Representatives to the 62d Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President announced that he has nominated Kelly G. Knight and Rodger D. Young to be Alternate U.S. Representatives to the 62d Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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:

Judith A. Eisenberg;
David Girard-diCarlo;
C. Michael Kojaian;
Donna Garff Marriott;

William C. Powers; and
Joseph E. Robert, Jr.

September 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award recipients.

September 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Marine Corps Base Quantico in Quantico, VA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. He then traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding August 17–September 5.

September 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

September 16

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Family Theater, they hosted a screening of "The Kite Runner."

September 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee champion Evan M. O'Dorney.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the funeral of Prime Minister John Compton of Saint Lucia on September 18 in Castries, Saint Lucia: Alphonso R. Jackson (head of delegation); and Mary Martin Ourisman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anita K. Blair to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael W. Hager to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management).

The President announced his intention to nominate Keith Hall to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics at the Department of Labor.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael B. Mukasey to be Attorney General.

The President announced his intention to designate David H. McCormick as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced that he has designated Peter D. Keisler as Acting Attorney General.

September 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in an interview with Bret Baier of FOX News.

September 19

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Konstandinos Karamanlis of Greece to congratulate him on his September 17 reelection and to express his condolences for the loss of life during the August wildfires. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Fort Meade, MD, where, at the National Security Agency, he participated in a briefing on the implementation of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) reforms. He then greeted National Security Agency employees.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he participated in an interview with Michael Barone of U.S. News & World Report, Tony Blankley of the Washington Times, David Brooks of the New York Times, Ron Kessler of NewsMax magazine, Charles Krauthammer of the Washington Post, William Kristol of the Weekly Standard, and Larry Kudlow, Kathryn Lopez, and Kate O'Beirne of the National Review. Then, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the 2007 Boys and Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year regional finalists.

September 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

September 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the historic Evermay house, the President attended a Republican National Committee luncheon.

The President announced that he has named Adam Belmar as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Communications for Production.

The President announced that he has named Spencer Geissinger as Deputy Assistant to the President for Advance and Operations.

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 and flooding August 19–21.

September 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

September 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Old Family Dining Room, he participated in an interview with Juan Williams of FOX News. Then, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with Deputy Assistant Attorney General John C. Keeney to honor his 60 years of Government service.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. Later, he met with Quartet Representative in the Middle East Tony Blair.

In the evening, the President traveled to United Nations Headquarters, where he participated in a leaders dinner on climate change. Later, he returned to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China, on October 2:

Margaret Spellings (head of delegation);
Clark T. Randt, Jr.;
John H. Hager;
Ernie Banks;
Lynn Fuchs;
Michelle Kwan;
Eunice Kennedy Shriver;

Timothy P. Shriver;
Anne Sweeney; and
Jennifer Polk Wardlow.

September 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to United Nations Headquarters, where he participated in an official greeting with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and President of the 62d Session of the United Nations General Assembly Srgjan Kerim. He then met separately with Secretary-General Ban and President Kerim.

Later in the morning, the President returned to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to United Nations Headquarters.

In the evening, the President returned to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Javaid Anwar to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Madonna Cynthia Douglass to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christina H. Pearson to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services (Public Affairs) and, upon nomination, to designate her as Acting.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas W. Webster to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Labor.

The President announced his intention to designate Christopher A. Padilla as Acting Under Secretary for International Trade at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to designate John C. Rood as Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security at the Department of State.

The President declared a major disaster in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding August 20–31.

September 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush met with United States Mission to the United Na-

tions staff and their families. They then met with Joel I. Klein, chancellor, New York City Department of Education.

Later in the morning, at a private residence, the President attended a Republican National Committee reception.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

September 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with Big Brother of the Year, Charles Matthews, and Big Sister of the Year, Crystal Rivera.

In the afternoon, the President met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Yang Jiechi of China.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will host Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on November 9 and 10.

September 28

In the morning, the President had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in an interview with Michael Rutz and Stephan Lamby of ARD German Television.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi to discuss SCHIP reauthorization legislation.

In the evening, at the Library of Congress, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the 2007 National Book Festival Gala and dinner.

September 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

October 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Fort Myer, VA.

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

October 2

In the morning, the President had breakfast with Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Assistant Secretary of

State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Christopher R. Hill, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Eric S. Edelman, White House Chief of Staff Joshua B. Bolten, and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley to discuss the six-party talks. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with President Jalal Talabani of Iraq.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Erin August 14–20.

October 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Lancaster, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Kennedy Kulish.

In the afternoon, the President met with family members of a soldier killed in the war on terror. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

October 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the Vilnius Energy Security Conference on October 10 and 11 in Vilnius, Lithuania: Jeffrey C. Sell (head of delegation); John A. Cloud; and Karen Alderman Harbert.

October 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, at the Hay-Adams Hotel, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a reception to celebrate the publication of Jenna Bush's book, "Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope."

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia to the White House on October 18.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Joseph Kabila of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the White House on October 26.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gus P. Coldebella as General Counsel at the Department of Homeland Security.

October 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

October 7

In the morning, the President traveled to Emmitsburg, MD.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Camp David, MD.

October 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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

October 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea.

October 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Yamile Llanes Labrada and Shirlen Garcia, the wife and daughter of Cuban political prisoner Jose Luis Garcia Paneque, who was arrested in Cuba on March 18, 2003.

October 11

In the morning, in the Situation Room, the President had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in an interview with the Wall Street Journal. Later, in the Library, he participated in an interview with Maria Bartiromo of CNBC's "Closing Bell."

Later in the afternoon, on the South Portico, the President participated in a photo opportunity with the Ballou Senior High School Marching Band of Washington, DC. Later, in the East Room, he dropped by a screening of "Ballou: A Documentary Film," which was hosted by Mrs. Bush.

The President announced his intention to nominate Simon C. Gros to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation (Governmental Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Deborah K. Jones to be Ambassador to Kuwait.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick F. Kennedy to be Under Secretary of State (Management).

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph J. Murin to be President of the Government National Mortgage Association.

The President announced that he has named David M. Clark as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel.

The President announced that he has named John P. Bailey as Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced that he has named Therese Burch as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Advance.

The President announced that he has named Christopher Papagianis as Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced that he has named Michael Y. Scudder, Jr., as Senior Associate Counsel to the President, National Security Council Legal Advisor, and General Counsel.

October 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Pinellas Park, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Brenda Guinand. Then, at a private residence, he attended a Republican National Committee luncheon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Miami, FL, where he met with Cuban American community leaders. Later, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda to the White House on October 30.

October 13

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

October 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Bentonville, AR, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer, Caroline

Worley. He then traveled to Rogers, AR, where he toured Stribling Packaging, Inc.

Later in the morning, at the Whole Hog Cafe, the President had lunch with business and civic leaders.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Memphis, TN, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Chi Zhang. Then, at a private residence, he attended a Lamar Alexander for Senate and Tennessee Victory reception. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

October 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President met with Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Nambaryn Enkhbayar of Mongolia to the White House on October 22.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Giorgio Napolitano of Italy to the White House on December 11.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Romano Prodi of Italy to the White House on February 4, 2008.

October 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

October 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Allan I. Mendelowitz to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors:

Joaquin F. Blaya;
Edward E. Kaufman;
Susan M. McCue;
Dennis M. Mulhaupt; and
Steven J. Simmons.

The President announced his intention to designate Paul A. Schneider as Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

October 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had breakfast with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Nicolas Sarkozy of France to Washington, DC, on November 6–7.

October 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Laurel, MD, where they toured the Patuxent Research Refuge. They then traveled to St. Michaels, MD.

Later in the morning, the President participated in an interview with Chris and Melissa Fischer of ESPN's "Offshore Adventures" program.

In the afternoon, at the Vice President's residence, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife Lynne. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

October 21

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Governor-elect Piyush "Bobby" Jindal of Louisiana to congratulate him on his election victory.

October 22

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with President Nambaryn Enkhbayar of Mongolia. Then, in the Oval Office, the President met with veterans, leaders of military service organizations, and family members of a marine who was killed in the war on terror. Later, he had two telephone conversations with Governor Arnold A. Schwarzenegger of California to discuss the wildfires in southern California.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Abdullah Gul of Turkey.

In the evening, at Decatur House, the President attended a Republican Governors Association reception.

October 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Governor Arnold A. Schwarzenegger of California to discuss the wildfires in southern California.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff and Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator R. David Paulison, who briefed him on damage and recovery efforts in southern California.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Shinn to be Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert A. Sturgell to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The President declared an emergency in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by wildfires beginning on October 21 and continuing.

October 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a video teleconference with Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator R. David Paulison, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England, Acting Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Conner, and Gen. Victor E. Renuart, Jr., USAF, commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, to discuss the wildfires in southern California.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by wildfires beginning on October 21 and continuing.

October 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to San Diego, CA, where, aboard Marine One, he took an aerial tour of the areas damaged by the wildfires. He then traveled to Escondido, CA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven R. Chealander to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate John H. Gibson to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management).

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark V. Rosenker to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kenneth C. Canterbury, Jr., as a member of the Medal of Valor Review Board (Law Enforcement).

The President announced that he has named Brian V. McCormack as Deputy Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs.

October 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

October 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

October 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Philadelphia, PA, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with Lew Bennett III.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Bryn Mawr, PA, where, at a private residence, he attended a Pennsylvania Victory 2008 reception. Later, he traveled to Cincinnati, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers Sharon and L.C. Nolan. Then, at a private residence, he attended a Chabot-Ohio Victory Committee reception.

In the evening, at the Montgomery Inn Boat-house, the President dropped by a birthday party for Baseball Hall of Famer Johnny Bench. He then returned to Washington, DC.

October 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and President-elect Cristina E. Fernandez de Kirchner of Argentina.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to the White House on November 5.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carl T. Johnson to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, USA (Ret.), to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jody L. Williams as a member of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

October 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President participated in a meeting on the National Strategy for Information Sharing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a bill signing ceremony for H.R. 3678, the Internet Tax Freedom Act Amendments Act of 2007, which was assigned Public Law No. 110-108.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward T. Schafer to be Secretary of Agriculture.

November 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with the 2007 Little League World Series champion Warner Robins, Georgia, Little League team. Later, on the North Portico, he participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the 2006 Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a Republican National Committee regents dinner.

November 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Columbia, SC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Graham Van Schaik. He then met with Lt. Andrew Kinard, USMC, who was wounded in Iraq on October 29, 2006.

Later in the morning, at a private residence, the President attended a Graham Victory 2008 reception.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fort Jackson, SC, where, upon arrival, he greeted U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School students. He then visited the Fit To Win course. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD, arriving in the evening.

November 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

November 4

During the day, the President returned to Washington, DC.

November 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with the U.S. Walker Cup team.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles A. Gargano to be Ambassador to Austria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary Ann Glendon to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric J. Tanenblatt to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elizabeth F. Bagley, Victoria Clarke, and William J. Hybl to be members of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

November 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted President Nicolas Sarkozy of France. Later, in the East Room, they hosted entertainment for President Sarkozy.

November 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan to express his condolences for the loss of life due to the November 6 suicide bombing in Baghlan Province. He then had a telephone conversation with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan.

In the afternoon, the President and President Nicolas Sarkozy of France traveled to President George Washington's Estate in Mount Vernon, VA, where they met in the Large Dining Room and toured the grounds. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

November 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Houston, TX. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel and Poland's Ambassador to Iraq Gen. Edward Pietrzyk, who was wounded in Iraq on October 3. Upon arrival in Houston, he met separately with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Patrick Kuykendall and the crew of the space shuttle *Discovery*.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Texans for Senator John Cornyn and Texas Victory reception. Later, he traveled to San Antonio, TX, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Gloria Sanchez. He then toured the Center for the Intrepid at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Later in the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a fundraiser for Senator John Cornyn.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary Beth Long to be Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia M. Haslach to be accorded the rank of Ambassador during the performance of her duties as U.S. Senior Coordinator for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.

November 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a social dinner for Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and her husband Joachim Sauer.

November 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and her husband Joachim Sauer.

November 11

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Waco, TX. Later, he returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

November 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in an interview with Bret Baier of FOX News.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda of Japan to the White House on November 16.

November 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President-elect Alvaro Colom Caballeros of Guatemala. He then traveled to Louisville, KY, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Paul Carmony.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to New Albany, IN.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with David Asman of FOX Business Network. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome First Vice President of the Government of National Unity of Sudan and President of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit to the White House on November 15.

November 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with Glamour magazine. Later, in the Grand Foyer, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with crew members of the space shuttles *Discovery*, *Atlantis*, and *Endeavour* and the crew members of International Space Station Expeditions 14 and 15. Then, in the State Dining Room, he participated in a photo opportunity with the National Troopers' Coalition.

The White House announced that the President will welcome First Minister Ian R.K. Paisley and Deputy First Minister Martin

McGuinness of Northern Ireland to the White House on December 7.

November 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with First Vice President of the Government of National Unity of Sudan and President of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit.

The President announced his intention to nominate Grace C. Becker to be Assistant Attorney General (Civil Rights) at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark R. Filip to be Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nathan J. Hochman to be Assistant Attorney General (Tax Division) at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory G. Katsas to be Assistant Attorney General (Civil Division) at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kevin J. O'Connor to be Associate Attorney General at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Goli Ameri to be Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Craig W. Duehring to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Ana M. Guevara to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tracy R. Justesen to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric M. Thorson to be Inspector General at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Neel T. Kashkari to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (International Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas C. Carper, Nancy A. Naples, and Denver Stutler, Jr., to be members of the Reform Board (AMTRAK).

November 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a working lunch with Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda of Japan. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the recipients of the 2006 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Elias Antonio Saca Gonzalez of El Salvador to the White House on November 29.

The President announced that he has nominated Larry W. Walther to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

November 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

November 19

In the morning, the President was briefed by Deputy Secretary of State John D. Negroponte on his trip to Pakistan and his meetings with President Pervez Musharraf. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Richmond, VA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Paul Anderson. He then visited the Central Virginia Foodbank. Later, he traveled to Charles City, VA.

In the afternoon, the President visited the Thanksgiving Shrine at Berkeley Plantation. Later, he returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with syndicated columnist Kathleen Parker.

November 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD. They then participated in an interview with Charles Gibson of "ABC World News Tonight with Charles Gibson."

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an interview with People magazine.

November 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Neil Romano to be Assistant Secretary of Labor (Disability Employment Policy) and, upon confirmation, appoint him as a member of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas H. Shulman to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Council to the Board of Governors of the American Red Cross:

Michael Chertoff;
Robert M. Gates;
Carlos M. Gutierrez;
Michael O. Leavitt;
Michael G. Mullen;
Condoleezza Rice; and
Margaret Spellings.

November 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had several Thanksgiving holiday telephone conversations with members of the U.S. military.

November 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

November 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

November 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with former Vice President Albert A. Gore, Jr. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with 2007 Nobel Prize recipients Mario R. Capecchi, Oliver Smithies, Eric S. Maskin, Roger B. Myerson, former Vice President Gore, Susan Solomon, Sharon L. Hays, and Harlan L. Watson.

November 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, where, at Buchanan House, he greeted and met with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel and President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Chairman Abdul Aziz al-Hakim of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq. Then, also in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with the Associated Press.

The President announced his intention to appoint Abigail Thernstrom as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and, upon appointment, to redesignate her as Vice Chairperson.

The President announced his intention to appoint Peter N. Kirsanow as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

November 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Yang Jiechi of China.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with Wolf Blitzer of CNN. He then participated in an interview with conservative columnists.

The President announced that he has named Terri Teuber Moore as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Communications for Policy and Planning.

The President announced that he has named Luke R. Frans as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Political Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Robert P. Kadlec as Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Senior Director for Biological Defense Policy.

The President announced that he has named Marie O'Neill Sciarrone as Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Senior Director for Cybersecurity and Information Sharing Policy.

November 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the U.S. Solheim Cup women's golf team.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Arlington, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President attended a holiday reception.

November 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Mount Airy, MD, where, at the Calvary United Methodist Church, they participated in a meeting on World AIDS Day.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President attended a holiday reception.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jonathan S. Adelstein to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael E. Fryzel to be a member of the National Credit Union Administration Board and, upon confirmation, to designate him as Chairperson.

The President announced his intention to nominate David R. Hill to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (Air and Radiation).

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles W. Larson, Jr., to be Ambassador to Latvia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Francis Mulvey to be a member of the Surface Transportation Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Peter W. Tredick as a member of the Presidential Emergency Board No. 242 and, upon appointment, to designate him as Chair.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Presidential Emergency Board No. 242:

Ira F. Jaffe;
Joshua M. Javits;
Annette M. Sandberg; and
Helen Mercer Witt.

The President announced his intention to appoint Edward F. Crawford and Linda Maynor as members of the Board of Governors of the United Service Organizations, Inc.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of

the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board:

Douglas Anderson;
John G. Box;
Ronald J. Gardner;
James R. Harding II;
Neil K. Melick; and
Gary L. Talbot.

The President announced his intention to designate Grace C. Becker as Acting Assistant Attorney General (Civil Rights).

The President announced his intention to designate Nelson M. Ford as Acting Under Secretary of the Army.

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe storms and flooding August 15–27.

December 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 2

During the day, 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 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted the Congressional Ball.

The President announced that he has named Daniel M. Price as Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs.

December 4

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the historic Evermay house, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a Republican National Committee luncheon.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the inauguration of Cristina E. Fernandez de Kirchner as President

of Argentina on December 10: Elaine L. Chao (head of delegation); and E. Anthony Wayne.

The President announced that he has nominated Gregory B. Jazcko to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced that he has nominated Hector E. Morales to be Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States (with the rank of Ambassador).

The President announced that he has nominated John J. Sullivan to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

December 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Omaha, NE, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Martha Connot. He then toured OneWorld Community Health Centers.

Later in the morning, at a private residence, the President attended a Johanns for Senate reception.

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

December 6

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hu Jintao of China. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with leaders of pro-democracy political parties and nongovernmental organizations from Belarus.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Umaru Yar'Adua of Nigeria to the White House on December 13.

December 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced that he has named Charles P. Blahous III as Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council.

The President announced that he has named Gordon Johndroe as Deputy Assistant to the President, Deputy Press Secretary, and National Security Council Spokesman.

The President announced that he has named John M. Herrmann II as Special Assistant to

the President and Senior Director for International Trade, Energy, and the Environment on the National Security Council.

The President announced that he has named Sally McDonough Niemiec as Special Assistant to the President and Director of Communications and Press Secretary to the First Lady.

The President announced that he has named David Sherzer as Special Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs.

December 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Oregon and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides beginning on December 1 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides beginning on December 1 and continuing.

December 9

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the National Building Museum, where they participated in the taping of the annual "Christmas in Washington" concert for later television broadcast.

December 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he was briefed by Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff on the winter storms in the Midwest. Then, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he participated in a meeting on the "Monitoring the Future" report on teen drug use.

Later in the morning, the President participated in an interview with Martha Raddatz of ABC News. Then, in the Private Dining Room, the President had lunch with President Giorgio Napolitano of Italy.

In the afternoon, the President met with leaders of the U.S. broadcasting services and Broadcasting Board of Governors Chairman James K. Glassman.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an interview with Martha Raddatz of ABC News. They then attended a holiday reception.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Alan Garcia Perez of Peru to the White House on December 14.

The President announced his intention to nominate Yousif B. Ghafari to be Ambassador to Slovenia.

The President announced his intention to nominate James K. Glassman to be Under Secretary of State (Public Diplomacy) with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stanley C. Suboleski to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

The President announced his intention to nominate Jon Wellinghoff to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations:

Sheldon G. Adelson;
William "Phil" Gramm;
Harold McGraw III;
George E. "Sonny" Perdue; and
Faryar Shirzad.

The President declared an emergency in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms beginning on December 8 and continuing.

December 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with U.S. Representatives-elect Robert J. Wittman of Virginia and Robert E. Latta of Ohio to congratulate them on their election victories.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert F. Cohen, Jr., to be a member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marcia S.B. Bernicat to be Ambassador to Senegal and Guinea-Bissau.

The President declared an emergency in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms beginning on December 8 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms beginning on December 6 and continuing.

December 13

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Abdelaziz Bouteflika of Algeria to express his condolences for the loss of life due to the December 11 bombings in Algiers. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President attended two holiday receptions.

December 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Alan Garcia Perez of Peru. Later, at the State Department, he and Mrs. Bush attended a holiday reception for the diplomatic corps.

The President announced his intention to nominate David J. Kramer to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and to appoint him as a member of the Congressional Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China and as an Executive Branch Commissioner-Observer on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The President announced his intention to appoint Donald J. Wright as Alternate Representative of the U.S. on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

December 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Fredericksburg, VA.

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

December 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a bill signing ceremony for H.R. 3315, designating the Great Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center as Emancipation Hall.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Israel, the West Bank, Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt January 8–16, 2008.

The President announced his intention to nominate Irene B. Brooks to be Chairman and Samuel W. Speck to be a Commissioner of the International Joint Commission of the United States and Canada.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert G. McSwain to be Director of the Indian Health Service within the Public Health Service at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Deanna Tanner Okun to be Deputy U.S. Trade Representative with the rank of Ambassador.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms on December 8 and continuing.

December 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in front of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he and Vice President Dick Cheney thanked Washington, DC, firefighters who responded to a fire in the Vice President's ceremonial office.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, where he visited with wounded U.S. military personnel and presented Purple Heart medals to servicemembers. He then returned to Washington, DC.

December 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he met with wounded U.S. military personnel and presented Purple Heart medals to soldiers.

December 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

December 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had several Christmas holiday telephone conversations with members of the U.S. military.

December 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, arriving in the afternoon.

December 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to express his condolences for the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

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 winter storms beginning on December 6 and continuing.

December 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Abdullah Gul of Turkey to the White House on January 8.

December 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Alvaro Uribe Velez of Colombia.