

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 morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to Jackson, MS, arriving in the afternoon. Upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Cameron Fox and military personnel and their families.

Later in the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Mississippi Victory Committee and Senator Roger Wicker fundraiser luncheon. Later, he traveled to North Little Rock, AR, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Robbie Powell.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Little Rock, AR, where, at a private residence, he attended an Arkansas Victory 2008 reception. While leaving Little Rock, he stopped to meet individuals attending a birthday party for 7-year-old Marby Meadors.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Hastings to be Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

The President announced his intention to designate Gordon S. Heddell as Acting Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Defense.

July 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President participated in separate interviews with foreign print and television journalists. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Alvaro Uribe Velez of Colombia to congratulate him on the rescue of 15 hostages from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

July 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he had a video teleconference with Prime Min-

ister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq. He then traveled to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

Later in the morning, at the National Naval Medical Center, the President participated in an interview with Mike Emanuel of FOX News. He then visited with wounded U.S. military personnel and presented Purple Heart medals to servicemembers.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani of Pakistan to the White House on July 28.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will travel to South Korea, Thailand, and China in August.

July 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Charlottesville, VA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Devy Goradia. He then toured Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

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

July 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Chitose, Japan, arriving the following afternoon.

July 6

In the afternoon, upon arrival at New Chitose Airport, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony. They then traveled to the Windsor Hotel Toya Resort and Spa in Toyako, Japan.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a social dinner with Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda and his wife Kiyoko.

July 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a working lunch and photo opportunity with Group of Eight (G–8) leaders and Africa outreach representatives. Later, he participated in a meeting with G–8 leaders and Africa outreach representatives.

In the evening, the President met with Junior 8 student leaders. Then, he and Mrs. Bush attended entertainment and a social dinner with G–8 leaders and their spouses.

July 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in a G–8 summit meeting.

In the afternoon, the President participated in the G–8 summit official photograph. He then participated in a working lunch and meeting with G–8 leaders.

In the evening, the President participated in a working dinner with G–8 leaders.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete of Tanzania to the White House on August 29.

July 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in a working breakfast with G–8 leaders and outreach country representatives. He then participated in a meeting with the leaders of major world economies.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a photo opportunity with the leaders of major world economies. He then participated in a working lunch with G–8 leaders and outreach country representatives.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with President Lee Myung-bak of South Korea. He and Mrs. Bush then returned to Washington, DC, crossing the international dateline and arriving in the afternoon.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes from May 22 to June 16.

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 and flooding from June 3 to 20.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from June 2 to 12.

July 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anthony W. Ryan to be Under Secretary of the Treasury (Domestic Finance) and that he has designated him as Acting Under Secretary of the Treasury (Domestic Finance).

The President announced that he has nominated Ruth Y. Goldway to be Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

The President announced that he has nominated Joyce Lee Malcolm and Robert L. Paquette to be members of the National Council on the Humanities.

The President announced that he has nominated Clifford D. May to be a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

July 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Abdullah Gul of Turkey to express his condolences for the deaths of Turkish police officers who were killed while defending the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul against a terrorist attack on July 9 and to discuss Turkey's role in Iraq. He then had a telephone conversation with President Khalifa bin Zayid Al Nahayyan of the United Arab Emirates to thank him for the country's cancellation of Iraq's debt and for reopening their Embassy in Iraq and appointing an Ambassador to Iraq.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Fatmir Sejdiu and Prime Minister Hashim Thaci of Kosovo to the White House on July 21.

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

The President announced that he has named Ashok M. Pinto as Associate Counsel to the President.

The President announced that he has named Bridget Sheedy as Special Assistant to the President for White House Management.

July 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

July 13

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

July 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the home of former White House Press Secretary Tony Snow in Alexandria, VA, where they met with Tony's family and expressed their condolences for Tony's death on July 12. They then returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President met with Special Envoy to Sudan Richard S. Williamson.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Blaise Compaore of Burkina Faso to the White House on July 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Michigan and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding from June 6 to 13.

July 15

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 2008 MATHCOUNTS National Competition Award recipients.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas J. Madison to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Reid Murtaugh to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs in the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Beverly Allen, Donald H. Dyal, and Jeffrey B. Rudman to be members of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ronald R. Hall, David B. Jones, and James

Lorand Matory as members of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board:

Edward H. Gee;
Phillip D. Jenkins;
Nancy Ann Starnes; and
Hans A. Van Winkle.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from June 14 to 17.

July 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, in the State Dining Room, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a social dinner in honor of Major League Baseball. Later, in the Rose Garden, they attended a performance by entertainer Kenny Chesney.

July 17

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 traveled to Redding, CA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers and Boy Scouts Mark Hendrick, Jake Wellman, and Alex Braden. Then, at the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region Headquarters, he participated in a briefing on wildfire damage and firefighting efforts. Later, he traveled to Napa, CA.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a Republican National Committee dinner. Later, he traveled to Tucson, AZ.

The President announced his intention to nominate John A. Simon to be U.S. Representative to the African Union with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

July 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at a private residence, he attended a Tim Bee for Congress and Arizona Trust reception. He then traveled to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, where he met with

USA Freedom Corps volunteer Mary Frances Ward.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Houston, TX, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended an Olson for Congress and Texas Victory Committee reception. He then traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, arriving in the evening.

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, straight-line winds, and flooding on June 27.

July 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

July 20

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

July 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with Catharine Aboulhoda, the 2008 March of Dimes national ambassador. Then, in the Library, he participated in an interview for a television tribute to Rev. William F. Graham, Jr.

July 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Marietta, GA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Sherri Goggin. He then traveled to Atlanta, GA, where, at a private residence, he attended a Goddard-Georgia Victory Committee reception. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

July 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a bill signing ceremony for H.R. 3403, the New and Emerging Technologies 911 Improvement Act of 2008. He then dropped by a meeting between National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley and Minister of Defense Juan Manuel Santos Calderon of Colombia.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Arlington, VA, where, at the Pentagon, he par-

ticipated in Defense Department briefings. Later, he returned to Washington, DC. Then, in the East Room, he participated in a photo opportunity with the 2008 Boys and Girls Nation delegates.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a signing ceremony for a Presidential proclamation in honor of the 60th anniversary of the integration of the U.S. Armed Forces. He then attended a reception for Deputy Chief of Staff Joe Hagin.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on August 24:

Condoleezza Rice (head of delegation);
Elaine L. Chao;
Michael O. Leavitt;
Clark T. Randt, Jr.;
Karen P. Hughes;
Peter V. Ueberroth; and
Michelle Kwan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ambrose L. Schwallie to be a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Maria Cino to be a member of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark J. Gerencser and David H. McIntyre to be members of the National Security Education Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Arctic Research Commission:

Michele Longo Eder;
Helvi K. Sandvik;
Virgil L. Sharpton;
Charles J. Vorosmarty; and
Warren M. Zapol.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mark R. Dybul as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

July 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India. Later, at the Ronald Reagan Building

and International Trade Center, he met with democracy activists.

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

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Dolly beginning on July 22 and continuing.

July 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Peoria, IL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Roy Storey.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Schock for Congress and Congressional Trust 2008 reception. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

July 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

July 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani of Pakistan. Later, in the East Room, he participated in a photo opportunity with members of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. Then, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with John Chettle for his forthcoming book on what Presidents read and why it matters.

July 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a bill signing ceremony for H.R. 1553, the Caroline Price Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2008.

During the day, the President met with Chinese human rights activists Bob Fu, Sasha Gong, Ciping Huang, Rebiya Kadeer, Wei Jingsheng, Harry Wu, and interpreter Alim Seytoff. Later, he dropped by a meeting between National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley and Minister of Foreign Affairs Yang Jiechi of China.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Cleveland, OH, where, upon arrival, he met

with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Linda Campbell. Later, he traveled to Euclid, OH, where he toured Lincoln Electric Company. He then traveled to Gates Mills, OH, where, at a private residence, he attended a Congressional Trust 2008 reception.

In the evening, the President stopped by the home of Gates Mills, OH, resident Ruth E. Harris to wish her a happy 91st birthday. He then returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in a bill signing ceremony for S. 2766, the Clean Boating Act of 2008.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick W. Dunne to be Under Secretary for Benefits at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate James A. Slutz to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy) and to designate him as Acting.

The President announced his intention to appoint B. Jackson Miller, Dana M. Muir, and John J. Szczur as members of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

July 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

July 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the East Room, he participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the Scouts in Action Commendation and the families of Boy Scouts who were killed during the June 11 tornado in Little Sioux, IA. Later, he traveled to Lewisburg, WV, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Jackie Goodall.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to White Sulphur Springs, WV. Later, he traveled to the Bush family home in Kennebunkport, ME, arriving in the afternoon.

The White House announced that the President, Mrs. Bush, and their daughter Barbara will attend the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on August 8 along with the following members of the Presidential delegation:

George H.W. Bush;
Clark T. Randt, Jr., and Sarah Talcott Randt;
Marvin and Margaret Bush;

Dorothy Bush Koch;
Roland and Lois Betts; and
Brad Freeman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gineen Bresso Beach to be a Commissioner of the Election Assistance Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Eileen Johnson, Robert C. O'Brien, and James W. Willis as members of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to appoint Michael L. Cromartie and Leonard A. Leo as members of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

The President announced his intention to designate Cheryl Ann Oldham as Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to designate Katharine Lee Reid as Chairman of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee.

The President declared a major disaster in Idaho and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding from May 15 to June 9.

August 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced that he has nominated Michael W. Hager to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management and that he intends to designate him as Acting.

The President announced that he has nominated Deborah Hersman to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The President announced that he has nominated Gregori Lebedev to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and Alternate U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President announced that he has nominated Sung Y. Kim to be accorded the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six-Party Talks.

August 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil to discuss the recent World Trade Organization Doha round negotiations in Geneva, Switzerland.

August 3

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

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD. Later, he welcomed and met with Ruler of Dubai and Prime Minister Muhammad Bin Rashid Al Maktum of the United Arab Emirates.

August 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Ruler of Dubai and Prime Minister Muhammad Bin Rashid Al Maktum of the United Arab Emirates.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Andrews Air Force Base, MD, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. They then traveled to Eielson Air Force Base, AK. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with Michael Abramowitz of the Washington Post.

Later in the afternoon, upon arrival at Eielson Air Force Base, the President met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Caroline White. He and Mrs. Bush then greeted and participated in photo opportunities with U.S. military personnel. Later, he met with the family of a soldier killed in the war on terror.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Seoul, South Korea, crossing the international dateline and arriving the following evening.

August 5

In the morning, aboard Air Force One, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, upon arrival at Seoul Air Base, South Korea, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony. They then traveled to the Grand Hyatt Seoul Hotel.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mark V. Rosenker as Vice Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

August 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where they met with Embassy staff and their families. They then traveled to the Blue House Presidential residence, where, in the Grand Garden, they participated in an arrival ceremony with President Lee Myung-bak of South Korea and his wife Kim Yoon-ok.

Later in the morning, at the Spring House, the President and Mrs. Bush had tea and participated in a social lunch with President Lee and his wife Kim Yoon-ok.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to U.S. Army Garrison—Yongsan. Later, they traveled to Bangkok, Thailand, arriving in the evening.

Later in the evening, the President traveled to the Government House, where he participated in a working dinner with Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej of Thailand. Later, he traveled to the Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush.

August 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. Later, he toured the Human Development Foundation—Mercy Centre.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the U.S. Ambassador's residence, where he participated in a briefing on Cyclone Nargis disaster relief efforts in Burma. Later, he traveled to Don Muang Royal Thai Air Force Base, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. They then traveled to Beijing, China, arriving in the evening.

Later in the evening, upon arrival in Beijing, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Westin Beijing Chaoyang hotel.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Asuncion, Paraguay, to attend the inauguration of President Fernando Armindo Lugo Mendez on August 15:

Carlos M. Gutierrez (head of delegation);
Liliana Ayalde;
Robert A. Mosbacher, Jr.; and
Daniel W. Fisk.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, to attend the inauguration of President Leonel Fernandez Reyna on August 16:

Robert J. Portman (head of delegation);
P. Robert Fannin;
Julio Franco;
Kathi Koll; and
Omar Minaya.

The President announced that he has named Brian Cossiboom as Special Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel.

The President announced that he has named J. Keith Ausbrook as Special Assistant to the President and Executive Secretary on the Homeland Security Council staff.

August 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He and Mrs. Bush then traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where they met with Embassy staff and their families. Later, they traveled to the Great Hall of the People.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a social reception and lunch hosted by President Hu Jintao of China and his wife Liu Yongqing. During the reception, he met with Prime Minister Vladimir V. Putin of Russia to discuss the situation in Georgia.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Fencing Hall, where they met with International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge. Later, they traveled to National Stadium, where they attended the opening ceremony of the 2008 summer Olympic Games. During the ceremony, he met again with Prime Minister Putin to discuss the situation in Georgia.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to the Westin Beijing Chaoyang hotel, where he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley to discuss the situation in Georgia.

August 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He was then briefed by Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State James F. Jeffrey and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the situation in Georgia. Later, he traveled to the Chaoyang Park Olympic beach volleyball venue, where he attended a U.S. men's and women's Olympic beach volleyball teams practice.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to the Fengtai Olympic softball field, where he attended a U.S. Olympic softball team practice.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the Westin Beijing Chaoyang hotel. Later, he

and Mrs. Bush traveled to the U.S. Ambassador's residence, where they attended a reception with chief executive officer sponsors of the 2008 U.S. summer Olympic team. They then returned to the Westin hotel.

In the evening, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Dmitry A. Medvedev of Russia and President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia to discuss the situation in Georgia. He and Mrs. Bush then traveled to the Wukesong Culture and Sports Center basketball gymnasium, where they attended the U.S. women's Olympic basketball game against the Czech Republic. Later, they returned to the Westin hotel.

August 10

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Beijing Kuanjie Protestant Christian Church. Later, they traveled to the National Aquatics Center, where they attended various men's and women's Olympic swimming events.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Zhongnanhai compound, where they participated in a social lunch with President Hu Jintao of China and his wife Liu Yongqing. Later, they returned to the Westin Beijing Chaoyang hotel.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Nicolas Sarkozy of France, in his capacity as President of the European Council, to discuss the situation in Georgia.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the U.S. Ambassador's residence, where they had dinner. Later, they traveled to the Wukesong Culture and Sports Center basketball gymnasium, where they attended the U.S. men's Olympic basketball game against China. They then returned to the Westin hotel.

August 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to the International Broadcasting Center. Later, he traveled to the National Aquatics Center, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush.

Later in the morning, the President met with members of the U.S. Olympic swim team. He and Mrs. Bush then attended various men's and women's Olympic swimming events. Later, they returned to the Westin Beijing Chaoyang hotel.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Wukesong Culture and Sports

Center baseball stadium, where they attended a practice game between the U.S. and Chinese Olympic baseball teams. Later, they returned to Washington, DC, crossing the international dateline. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom, President Valdas Adamkus of Lithuania, and President Lech Kaczynski of Poland to discuss the situation in Georgia.

Later in the afternoon, in the Situation Room, the President met with the National Security Council to discuss the situation in Georgia.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia to discuss the situation in Georgia.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on July 24.

August 12

In the morning, National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley updated the President on the situation in Georgia. He then had a telephone conversation with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy and Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the situation in Georgia.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences:

Elizabeth Ann Bryan;
Robert C. Granger;
Caroline M. Hoxby;
Douglas J. Besharov;
Lynn S. Fuchs;
Paul E. Peterson;
John L. Winn; and
Patrick J. Wolf.

The President announced his intention to appoint Elsa A. Murano as a member of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

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

the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation:

Jean N. Case (and, upon appointment, to re-designate her Chair);
Raymond G. Chambers;
Bo Derek;
Evern Cooper Epps;
Janine L. Gauntt;
Kasey K. Kahne;
Mary Beth King;
Mary Jo Myers;
Michelle Nunn;
Kelly Perdew;
Corinne B. Roberts;
Michael W. Smith (and, upon appointment, to redesignate him Vice Chair);
Jordin Sparks;
Wendy M. Spencer;
Roxanne Spillett;
Hope Taft;
Daniel C. Wuerffel; and
Mark G. Yudof.

August 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia and President Nicolas Sarkozy of France, in his capacity as President of the European Council, to discuss the situation in Georgia. Then, in Room 231 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Secretary of War Suite.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with 2008 Scripps National Spelling Bee champion Sameer Mishra.

August 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing, in which he was updated on the situation in Georgia. He then had separate telephone conversations with President Valdas Adamkus of Lithuania and President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine to discuss the situation in Georgia. Later, he traveled to Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters in Langley, VA, where he participated in separate briefings on the war on terror and the situation in Georgia.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Central Intelligence Agency employees. He then returned to Washington, DC.

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

August 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with President Toomas Ilves of Estonia to discuss the situation in Georgia. Later, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as U.S. Commissioners on the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean:

Rick Gaffney;
William H. Gibbons-Fly;
Paul M. Krampe;
Jane C. Luxton; and
Peter Young.

The President announced his intention to designate Santanu "Sandy" K. Baruah as Acting Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, a tornado, and flooding on July 18.

August 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a briefing on the situation in Georgia.

August 17

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with U.S. Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps to congratulate him on his performance at the Beijing Olympics.

August 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a video teleconference briefing on Tropical Storm Fay with Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff and Federal Emergency Management Agency personnel.

August 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing, in which he was briefed on

the deaths of 10 French soldiers who were killed in an ambush on August 18 in Kabul Province, Afghanistan. He was then briefed on the situation in Georgia and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's meeting with NATO allies in Brussels, Belgium.

The President announced that Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao will replace Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as head of the Presidential delegation attending the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on August 24.

The President announced his intention to nominate James X. Dempsey to be a member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to designate James A. Williams as Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration.

August 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Orlando, FL. He then traveled to the Orange County Convention Center, where he presented the President's Volunteer Service Award to Keela Carr, who recently walked across the country to thank and raise support for U.S. military personnel.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to New Orleans, LA. He then traveled to Jackson Barracks, headquarters for the Louisiana National Guard, where he toured the facilities. Later, he traveled to Gulfport, MS.

In the evening, the President met with Leslee Morrow Curry and Krysten and Trevor Curry, wife and children of Gulfport Police Officer Robert J. Curry who was killed on August 14 in a motorcycle accident. He then returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

August 21

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with former President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to wish him well and thank him for his cooperation in the war on terror. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani of Pakistan to express his condolences for the loss of life due to the terrorist attacks in Dera Ismail Khan on August 19 and in Wah on August 21 and to discuss the war on terror and U.S. economic assistance. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President met with Counselor to the President Edward W. Gillespie.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Young to be a member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

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:

Herbert V. Kohler, Jr.;
Carl H. Lindner III;
Marilyn Carlson Nelson;
Robert F. Pence;
David Rubenstein;
Shirley W. Ryan; and
Marc I. Stern.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation:

John L. Berrey;
Bill Haslam;
Mark A. Sadd; and
John G. Williams III.

The President announced his intention to designate David Kelly as Acting Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President declared an emergency in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Tropical Storm Fay beginning on August 18 and continuing.

August 22

In the morning, the President had a video teleconference with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to discuss her trip to Baghdad, Iraq. He then had a video teleconference with his national security advisers, who briefed him on the situation in Iraq. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq. He then had a telephone conversation with President Nicolas Sarkozy of France to express his condolences for the deaths of 10 French soldiers who were killed on August 18 in Kabul Province, Afghanistan, and to discuss President Sarkozy's trip to Afghanistan and the situation in Georgia.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome President John Agyekum Kufuor of Ghana and his wife Theresa for a state visit on September 15.

August 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

August 24

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Fay beginning on August 18 and continuing.

August 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President hosted the 100 Degree Club run.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Governor Charles J. Crist, Jr., of Florida to discuss damage and recovery efforts in the areas struck by Tropical Storm Fay.

August 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with several senior officials.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia to discuss the situation in Georgia.

August 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Later, he was briefed on Tropical Storm Gustav.

In the evening, the President had dinner with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

August 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he was briefed on Tropical Storm Gustav.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff to discuss Tropical Storm Gustav.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Martin Torrijos Espino of Panama to the White House on September 17.

August 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a bill signing ceremony for H.R. 6580, the Hubbard Act. He then had a telephone conversation with Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska to congratulate her on her selection as the Republican Vice Presidential candidate.

During the day, the President was briefed on Hurricane Gustav.

In the evening, at the Marine Barracks, the President participated in the evening parade.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games in Beijing, China, on September 6:

James B. Peake (head of delegation);
Clark T. Randt, Jr.;
Kirk M. Bauer;
Jean Driscoll;
Lt. Col. Gregory Gadson, USA;
Kevin Szott; and
Trischa Zorn.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert B. Eley to be Commissioner of the Mississippi River Commission.

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

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as U.S. Commissioners of the U.S. section of the Pacific Salmon Commission:

David Bedford;
Jeffrey P. Koenings;
Olney Patt, Jr.; and
Gregory Schildwachter.

The President declared an emergency in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Gustav beginning on August 27 and continuing.

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 Gustav beginning on August 27 and continuing.

August 30

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Governor Piyush “Bobby” Jindal of Louisiana, Governor Haley R. Barbour of Mississippi, Governor Robert R. Riley of Alabama, and Governor J. Richard Perry of Texas to discuss Hurricane Gustav. He then had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President was briefed on Hurricane Gustav and Federal and State disaster response preparations.

The President declared an emergency in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Gustav beginning on August 28 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Gustav beginning on August 29 and continuing.

August 31

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to discuss the situation in Georgia. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Mayor C. Ray Nagin of New Orleans, LA, to discuss Hurricane Gustav.

September 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to Austin, TX. While en route aboard Air Force One, he was briefed on Hurricane Gustav by Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator R. David Paulison.

Later in the morning, at the Texas Emergency Operations Center, he met with emergency operations center employees.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to San Antonio, TX. Then, at the Alamo Regional Command Reception Center at Lackland Air Force Base, he met with military personnel and Red Cross volunteers. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

September 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then met with Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator R. David Paulison to discuss Hurricane Gustav and Federal and State disaster response efforts.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Lusaka, Zambia, to attend the funeral of President Levy Patrick Mwanawasa of Zambia on September 3:

Tevi D. Troy (head of delegation);
Jendayi E. Frazer;
R. Timothy Ziemer; and
Michael Koplovsky.

The President declared a major disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Gustav on September 1 and continuing.

September 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Baton Rouge, LA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with Governor Haley R. Barbour of Mississippi and Mayor C. Ray Nagin of New Orleans, LA, and was briefed on Hurricane Gustav by Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator R. David Paulison.

Later in the morning, the President toured areas damaged by Hurricane Gustav. Later, at the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center, he met with emergency operations center staff, volunteers, and military personnel.

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

In the evening, the President met with Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Michael G. Mullen, who presented him with Multi-National Force—Iraq Commanding General David H. Petraeus’s recommendation for U.S. troop levels in Iraq.

The President announced that he has named Sandra K. Evans as Special Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Administration.

The President announced that he has named Jamil Nazim Jaffer as Associate Counsel to the President.

The President announced that he has named Karen Race as Special Assistant to the President and Director of White House Personnel.

The President announced that he has named Kerrie Rushton as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives.

The President announced that he has named Heath P. Tarbert as Associate Counsel to the President.

September 4

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

The President announced that he has named Melissa Bennett as Assistant to the President for Appointments and Scheduling in the Office of Appointments and Scheduling.

The President announced that he has named Linda Gambatesa as Assistant to the President for Management and Administration.

September 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Governor Mark C. Sanford, Jr., of South Carolina, Governor Michael F. Easley of North Carolina, and Governor Timothy M. Kaine of Virginia to discuss Tropical Storm Hanna and Federal and State disaster response preparations.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Gettysburg, PA, to tour Gettysburg National Military Park.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Alvaro Uribe Velez of Colombia to the White House on September 20.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from July 24 to August 14.

September 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

September 7

The President declared an emergency in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Ike beginning on September 5 and continuing.

September 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Iowa by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for public assistance projects undertaken as a result of severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred from May 25 to August 13.

September 9

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Asif Ali Zardari of Pakistan to congratulate him on his election victory and discuss Pakistan-U.S. relations. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the Department of the Interior, the President had lunch with Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and met with Interior Department employees. He then visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he met with wounded military personnel and their families.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jerry G. Bridges to be Inspector General of the Department of Education and designate him as Acting.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sean T. Connaughton to be Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission and, upon appointment, designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Pamela A. Redfield to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint David L. Bernhardt as U.S. Commissioner of the International Boundary Commission (United States and Canada).

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, flooding, and tornadoes from July 18 to August 16.

September 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with Big Sister of the Year Miriam Mills.

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 Ike beginning on September 7 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement

State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Gustav beginning on August 29 and continuing.

September 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, at 8:46 a.m., on the South Lawn, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a moment of silence to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Later, they traveled to Arlington, VA.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, in the Situation Room, the President participated in a briefing on Hurricane Ike. He also had a video teleconference with Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff to discuss Hurricane Ike.

The President declared an emergency in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Ike beginning on September 7 and continuing.

September 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had separate telephone conversations with Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff and Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator R. David Paulison to discuss Hurricane Ike. Later, he traveled to Tinker Air Force Base, OK, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers Karen Stark and Maj. Daniel M. Rooney, USAF, Oklahoma Air National Guard.

Later in the morning, the President met with Capt. Joe Castleberry, incident commander, Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office, who assisted with Hurricane Gustav recovery efforts in Louisiana. He then traveled to Oklahoma City, OK. Later, at a private residence, he attended a McCain for President and Republican National Committee Victory reception.

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

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will travel to New York City to participate in the 63d United Nations General Assembly from September 22 to 24.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Nasir al-Muhammad al-Ahmad al-Sabah of Kuwait to the White House on September 19.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Michel Sleiman of Lebanon to the White House on September 25.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan at the White House on September 26.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Valdas Adamkus of Lithuania to the White House on September 29.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to the White House on October 13.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Science Board:

Barry C. Barish;
Ray M. Bowen;
France A. Cordova;
Esin Gulari;
G.P. "Bud" Peterson;
Douglas D. Randall; and
Diane L. Souvaine.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jay T. Snyder to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

The President announced his intention to nominate E. Edwin Eck II and William E. Grayson to be members of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

The President announced his intention to accord the personal rank of Ambassador to Harlan L. Watson during his tenure as Special Envoy to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from July 21 to August 12.

September 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Situation Room, he participated in a video teleconference briefing on Hurricane Ike with officials from the National Hurricane Center, Department of Homeland Security, and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Ike beginning on September 7 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Ike beginning on September 11 and continuing.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Texas by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for debris removal undertaken as a result of Hurricane Ike that struck the State beginning on September 7 and continuing.

September 14

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff to discuss Hurricane Ike.

September 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President met with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., to discuss the financial markets situation. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America regional finalists for Youth of the Year.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted President John Agyekum Kufuor of Ghana and his wife Theresa. Then, in the Grand Foyer, they participated in a photo opportunity with President Kufuor and Mrs. Kufuor. Later, in the Rose Garden, they and President Kufuor and Mrs. Kufuor viewed entertainment.

The President announced the designation of U.S. Ambassador to China Clark T. Randt, Jr., as his delegate to attend the closing ceremony of the Paralympic Games on September 17 in Beijing, China.

September 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Houston, TX. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., to discuss the financial markets situation.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Galveston, TX, where, aboard Marine One,

he took an aerial tour of areas damaged by Hurricane Ike. Later, at the City of Galveston Emergency Operations Center, he participated in a briefing on Hurricane Ike damage and recovery efforts. He then returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with the President's Working Group on Financial Markets.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cheryl Feldman Halpern to be a U.S. Alternate Representative to the 63d Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President announced his intention to appoint R. Timothy Ziemer as Coordinator of U.S. Government Activities To Combat Malaria Globally.

The President announced his intention to appoint Byron R. Johnson, Roland C. Warren, and Harry Wilson as members of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation:

Viet D. Dinh;
Elizabeth Dugan;
Christopher J. Fussner; and
Stephen F. Maxner.

The President announced that he has nominated James W. Ceaser to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities.

The President announced that he has nominated Anthony H. Gioia, Robert Corker, and C. William Nelson to be U.S. Representatives to the 63d Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President announced that he has nominated Karen Elliot House to be a U.S. Alternate Representative to the 63d Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Texas by authorizing an extension of 100 percent in the level of Federal funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures undertaken as a result of Hurricane Ike that struck the State beginning on September 7 and continuing.

September 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President received diplomatic credentials from Russia's Ambassador to the U.S. Sergey I. Kislyak.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., to discuss the financial markets situation.

September 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., to discuss the financial markets situation.

In the afternoon, the President met with Secretary of the Treasury Paulson to discuss the financial markets situation. Later, at the Naval Observatory, he attended a barbecue for wounded veterans and their families hosted by Lynne V. Cheney, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney.

In the evening, the President met with Secretary of the Treasury Paulson and his senior economic advisers to discuss the financial markets situation.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding associated with Hurricane Gustav from September 2 to 8.

September 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and Senate Minority Leader A. Mitchell McConnell to thank them for meeting with his economic advisers and to discuss the financial markets situation.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with House Republican Leader John A. Boehner to thank him for meeting with his economic advisers and to discuss the financial markets situation. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The White House announced that the President will host President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority at the White House on September 25.

September 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted President Alvaro Uribe Velez of Colombia.

September 21

In the evening, the President had separate telephone conversations with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., and President Hu Jintao of China to discuss the financial markets situation.

September 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to New York City, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Joey Rizzolo, Jr.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Colts Neck, NJ, where, at a private residence, he attended a Lance-Myers New Jersey Trust reception. Later, he traveled to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a U.S. heads of state reception.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Gustav from August 28 to September 8.

September 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., to discuss the financial markets situation. Later, he traveled to United Nations Headquarters.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to the Millennium UN Plaza Hotel, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Governors Island, where they participated in a photo opportunity with dissidents. Later, they returned to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

In the evening, the President traveled to United Nations Headquarters, where he met with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of the United Nations. Later, he returned to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on September 12 and continuing.

September 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to the Council of the Americas, where he participated in a meeting on free trade with Western Hemisphere leaders. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Republican Presidential nominee John McCain to discuss the suspension of his political campaign and the financial markets situation. He also had a telephone conversation with Democrat Presidential nominee Barack Obama.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael S. Doran to be Assistant Secretary of State (International Information Programs).

The President announced his intention to nominate John G. Crews II to be Inspector General of the Small Business Administration.

The President announced his intention to appoint Duane R. Roberts, Donald J. Hall, Jr., and Joan Hotchkis as members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President announced his intention to designate Elizabeth Johnson as Acting Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

September 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a bill signing ceremony for S. 3406, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. Then, also in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity and met with leaders of the Orthodox Union.

In the evening, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had dinner with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine to the White House on September 29.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul A. Quander, Jr., to be Director

of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia.

The President announced his intention to nominate F. Chase Hutto III to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy).

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board:

Mark D. Abkowitz;
Thure E. Cerling;
David J. Duquette; and
Ronald M. Latanision.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Council on the Arts:

Chas Fagan;
JoAnn Falletta;
Lee Greenwood; and
Barbara Ernst Prey.

The President announced his intention to designate Karthik Ramanathan as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Financial Markets).

September 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met separately with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan and Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with Senate Minority Leader A. Mitchell McConnell and House Republican Leader John A. Boehner to discuss the financial markets situation.

In the evening, in the Thomas Jefferson Building at the Library of Congress, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the 2008 National Book Festival Gala performance and dinner.

The President announced his intention to nominate Irvin Mayfield to be a member of the National Council on the Arts.

The President declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding associated with Hurricane Ike from September 12 to 14.

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

struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from July 27 to August 6.

September 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the South Lawn, he and Mrs. Bush participated in commemorative tree planting ceremonies with their daughter Jenna and her husband Henry Hager.

September 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with several Republican Members of Congress to discuss proposed economic stabilization legislation.

The President announced his intention to nominate G. David Banks to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (International Activities).

The President announced his intention to nominate David Kelly to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brent R. Benjamin as a member of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee.

September 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Republican Presidential nominee John McCain and Democratic Presidential nominee Barack Obama to discuss proposed economic stabilization legislation.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Nicolas Sarkozy of France to discuss the global financial markets situation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert W. McGowan to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

October 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with several Members of Congress to discuss proposed economic stabilization legislation. He then had several meetings with his economic advisers.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., and Chairman of the Federal Re-

serve Ben S. Bernanke to discuss the financial markets situation and proposed economic stabilization legislation.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India to discuss the passage of H.R. 7081, the United States-India Nuclear Cooperation Approval and Nonproliferation Enhancement Act.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ivan Gasparovic of Slovakia to the White House on October 9.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jonathan R. Scharfen to be Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to designate F. Chase Hutto III as Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy).

The President declared a major disaster in Puerto Rico and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on September 21 and continuing.

October 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with several Members of the House of Representatives to discuss proposed economic stabilization legislation.

October 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the Treasury Department, the President met with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., and Treasury Department employees. Later, he traveled to St. Louis, MO, where, at a private residence, he attended a Hulshof for Governor dinner.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with several Members of Congress to discuss proposed economic stabilization legislation.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Tillman Thomas of Grenada to the White House on October 8.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on September 6 and 7.

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 beginning on September 13 and continuing.

October 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Midland, TX, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Linda Fox.

Later in the afternoon, at a private residence, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a Congressional Trust 2008 reception. Later, they returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

October 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to San Antonio, TX, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Sonya McDonald. Then, at a private residence, they attended a Congressional Trust 2008 reception.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Cincinnati, OH, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Nancy Arnold. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to designate Douglas A. Brook as Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

October 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom and President Nicolas Sarkozy of France to discuss the global financial markets situation. Later, on the South Lawn, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with members of the 2008 U.S. summer Olympic and Paralympic teams.

Later in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to discuss the global financial markets situation.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Chantilly, VA, where he toured Guernsey Office Products, Inc. He then met with State and local business leaders to discuss the financial markets situation. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

October 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Prime Minister Tillman Thomas of Grenada.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss the global financial markets situation.

The President declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Hanna from September 4 to 15.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Texas by authorizing an extension of 100 percent in the level of Federal funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures undertaken as a result of Hurricane Ike that struck the State from September 7 to October 2.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Louisiana by authorizing an increase of 100 percent Federal funding for debris removal and emergency measures undertaken as a result of Hurricane Ike that struck the State beginning on September 11 and continuing.

October 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to designate Patrick A. Gorman as Acting Chief Information Officer at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe wind storm associated with Tropical Depression Ike on September 14.

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 from September 12 to 16.

October 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Miami, FL, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Teodoro Rodriguez.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Coral Gables, FL, where, at a private residence, he attended a Congressional Trust 2008 reception. Then, at Havana Harry's restaurant, he met with Cuban American community leaders. Later, he traveled to Charleston, SC, where, upon arrival in the evening at Charleston Air Force Base, he was joined by Mrs. Bush and met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Eileen Hadbavny.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity and met with the 2008 Little League Softball World Series champion Simpsonville Stars. They then traveled to Kiawah Island, SC, where, at the Sanctuary at Kiawah Island, they attended a Republican National Committee reception. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

October 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, at the International Monetary Fund building, the President met with G–20 finance ministers and central bank governors.

October 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy. Later, in the East Room, they and Prime Minister Berlusconi viewed entertainment.

October 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, President Nicolas Sarkozy of France, and Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom to discuss the global financial markets situation. Then, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with the President's Working Group on Financial Markets.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a bill signing ceremony for S. 3001, the Duncan Hunter National De-

fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA, where, at the Pentagon, he participated in Defense Department briefings.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia to the White House on October 22.

October 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a meeting with Vice President Dick Cheney, who updated him on his heart condition and his upcoming hospital visit. Later, he traveled to Grand Rapids, MI, arriving in the afternoon. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada to congratulate him on his October 14 election victory and discuss the global financial markets situation.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Cindy Leep. He then traveled to Ada, MI, where, at Schnitz Ada Grill, he had lunch with local business leaders. Later, at a private residence, he attended a Congressional Trust 2008 reception.

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

October 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the State Department, he attended several briefings and met with State Department employees.

October 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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

October 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

October 19

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

October 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Alexandria, LA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Marion Harrison.

In the afternoon, the President met with families of military personnel killed in the war on terror. He then returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Fernando Armino Lugo Mendez of Paraguay to the White House on October 27.

The President announced that he has named Jon C. Brause as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Relief, Stabilization, and Development at the National Security Council.

The President announced that he has named Barrett Karr as Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Luis A. Reyes as Deputy Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel.

October 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, at the Sewall-Belmont House and Museum, the President attended a National Republican Senatorial Committee reception.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek of the Czech Republic to the White House on October 29.

October 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Ike from September 13 to 23.

October 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he met and participated in a photo oppor-

tunity with participants of the U.S. Middle East Partnership Initiative.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert A. DeHaan to be Assistant Secretary (Transportation Policy) at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute:

Steven C. Hollon;
Joseph E. Lambert;
Gayle A. Nachtigal;
Arthur G. Scotland; and
Gerald W. VandeWalle.

The President announced his intention to appoint Abram Claude, Jr., as a member of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marc Gordon as a member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to appoint Herbert Briick and Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker as members of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

The President announced that he has designated William E. Reukauf as Acting Special Counsel at the Office of Special Counsel.

October 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Fort Meade, MD.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with National Security Agency employees. He then returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary General Jakob Gijsbert "Jaap" de Hoop Scheffer of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In the evening, in the East Room, the President participated in a signing ceremony for North Atlantic Treaty Organization accession protocols for Albania and Croatia.

The President declared a major disaster in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe wind storm associated with Tropical Depression Ike on September 14.

October 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

October 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Gustav from August 31 to September 7.

October 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at Republican National Committee headquarters, he met with staff members.

October 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President was briefed by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The White House announced that the President will participate in the United Nations meeting on interfaith dialogue on November 13 in New York City.

The President declared a major disaster in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement Territory recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Omar from October 14 to 16.

October 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He was then briefed by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Later, he traveled to Quantico, VA.

Later in the morning, at Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico, the President visited Marine Helicopter Squadron One hangar, where he met with servicemembers and thanked them for their service.

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

The President announced his intention to appoint Rachmiel Liberman, Harley Lippman, and Jonathan J. Rikoon as members of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

The President announced that he has designated Daniel Rosenblum as Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Program Coordinator and Coordinator for Overall Assistance and Economic Cooperation Strategy for the Independent States of the former Soviet Union at the Department of State.

October 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes from September 11 to 17.

November 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

November 2

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

November 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

November 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President hosted a birthday dinner for Mrs. Bush. Then, in the Residence, he, Mrs. Bush, and senior White House staff members watched coverage of the election results.

Later in the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President-elect Barack Obama to congratulate him on his election victory. He then had a telephone conversation with Republican Presidential candidate John McCain to congratulate him on his campaign.

November 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

November 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with Cabinet members.

November 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

November 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

November 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then 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 six servicemembers. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, on the South Portico, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted President-elect Barack Obama and his wife Michelle. Then, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, they all met with Rear Adm. Stephen W. Rochon, USCG (Ret.), Director of the Executive Residence and Chief Usher. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President-elect Obama.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Crown Prince Muhammad bin Zayid Al Nuhayyan of Abu Dhabi to Camp David, MD, on November 16.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Baku Energy Summit in Baku, Azerbaijan, on November 14: Samuel W. Bodman (head of delegation); Anne E. Derse; and C. Boyden Gray.

The President announced the designation of Robert O. Blake, Jr., as his representative to attend the inauguration of President-elect Mohamed Nasheed of Maldives in Male, Maldives, on November 11.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael J. Green to be U.S. Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to designate John K. Cook as Small State and Rural Advocate at the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the Department of Homeland Security.

November 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to New York City. While en route aboard Air Force One, he met with CPO Shenequa

Cox, USN, PO1 Christopher O. Hutto, USCG, S. Sgt. Michael Noyce Merino, USA, SrA. Alicia Goetschel, USAF, and Sgt. John Badon, USMC.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush toured the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. During the visit, they met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Peter Cea.

In the afternoon, the President met with family members of military personnel killed in Afghanistan and Iraq. He then participated in an interview with Heidi Collins of Cable News Network. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

November 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush participated in an interview with Dorothy Bush Koch, the President's sister, as part of a StoryCorps project.

November 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to New York City, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Jane Cosco. They then traveled to United Nations Headquarters.

Later in the morning, the President participated in a photo opportunity and met with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of the United Nations. Later, he traveled to the New York Palace Hotel.

In the afternoon, the President met with King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia. He then traveled to the Federal Hall National Memorial. Later, he traveled to Wall Street, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush.

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

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, flooding, and a tornado from September 11 to 24.

The President announced his intention to appoint Cornelius W. Ruth as Commissioner of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (United States and Mexico).

The President announced his intention to appoint R. Bruce LaBoon as a member of the Board of Directors of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center.

The President announced his intention to designate Deborah Garza as Acting Assistant Attorney General (Antitrust Division) at the Department of Justice.

November 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President greeted world leaders participating in the Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy. Later, in the State Dining Room, he hosted a working dinner for the leaders.

The President announced his intention to nominate Neil M. Barofsky to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steve A. Linick to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

November 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the National Building Museum, he participated in a photo opportunity with leaders participating in the Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy. He then participated in plenary sessions of the summit.

In the afternoon, the President hosted a lunch for summit leaders. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

November 16

In the afternoon, the President met with Crown Prince Muhammad bin Zayid Al Nahayyan of Abu Dhabi.

November 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, in the Blue Room, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the National Medal of Arts and the Presidential Citizens Medal. Then, also in the Blue Room, they participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the National Humanities Medal. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the 2008 U.S. Ryder Cup team.

November 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Department of

Transportation, he met with Transportation Department employees and toured the Crisis Management Center.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation:

Rodney G. Bent;
Gary C. Bryner;
Thomas J. Dodd; and
Roger W. Wallace.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alesia Ranney-Marinelli and Mark S. Shelton to be Directors of the Board of Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by wildfires beginning on November 13 and continuing.

November 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the National American History Museum, he and Mrs. Bush viewed a naturalization ceremony.

November 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then participated in an interview with Miguel Vivanco of Peru's *El Comercio* newspaper. Later, he participated in an interview with a Japanese television station.

The White House announced that the President will host Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel at the White House on November 24.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the International Forum Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Holodomor in Kiev, Ukraine, on November 22: William B. Taylor, Jr. (head of delegation); Marilyn Ware; and Lorne Craner.

November 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey to check on him after his recent hospital stay. Later, he traveled to Lima, Peru, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the JW Marriott Hotel Lima, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. He then met with President Hu Jintao of China.

November 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to the Ministry of Defense Convention Center. Later, he met with Prime Minister Taro Aso of Japan.

Later in the morning, the President had a trilateral meeting with Prime Minister Aso and President Lee Myung-bak of South Korea. He then met with President Lee.

In the afternoon, the President participated in APEC Leaders Retreat I. Later, he participated in the Leaders Dialogue with the APEC Business Advisory Council. He then returned to the JW Marriott Hotel Lima.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Ministry of Defense Convention Center, where they attended a gala dinner. Later, they returned to the JW Marriott Hotel.

November 23

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush met with U.S. Embassy staff and their families. Later, he traveled to the Ministry of Defense Convention Center, where he met with President Alan Garcia Perez of Peru. He then participated in APEC Leaders Retreat II.

In the afternoon, the President participated in the APEC leaders official photograph. Later, he participated in the APEC Final Declaration Ceremony.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., to discuss the Citigroup bailout decision.

November 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with President-elect Barack Obama. Later, at the Treasury Department, he met with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., and other Cabinet officials.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with 2008 Nobel Prize recipients Paul Krugman, Martin Chalfie, and Roger Y. Tsien.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Louisiana by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for public assistance projects undertaken as a result of Hurricane Gustav that struck the State from September 1 to 11.

November 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to Fort Campbell, KY, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer S. Sgt. Joshua Forbess, USA. Later, at Son Cafe, he had lunch with military personnel.

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

The President announced his intention to designate John F. Mizroch as Acting Assistant Secretary (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy) at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to designate Kent D. Talbert as Acting Under Secretary of Education at the Department of Education.

November 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an interview with Dorothy Bush Koch, the President's sister, as part of a StoryCorps project.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD. Later, they participated in an interview with Charles Gibson of "ABC World News with Charles Gibson."

Later in the afternoon, the President received updates on the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India.

The President announced that he has named Judith A. Ansley as Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Texas by authorizing an extension of 100 percent of Federal funding for debris removal, including direct Federal assistance, undertaken as a result of Hurricane Ike that struck the State from September 7 to October 2.

November 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh

of India to discuss the terrorist attacks and ongoing situation in Mumbai, India. Later, he had several Thanksgiving holiday telephone conversations with members of the U.S. military.

November 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

November 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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

November 30

In the afternoon, on the North Lawn, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in the presentation of the White House Christmas tree.

December 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he received an update on the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, followed by an update on the situation in Iraq.

December 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Greensboro, NC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Donna Turner.

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

In the evening, at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the President and Mrs. Bush attended an advance appreciation reception.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roszell Dulany Hunter to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Brad Cole to be a member of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to appoint James W. Ceaser as a member of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board:

B. John Garrick (and, upon approval, designate him as Chair);

William H. Arnold;
George M. Hornberger;
Andrew C. Kadak;
Ali Mosleh; and
Henry Petroski.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino:

Anna Regula Haug de Cablik;
Gilberto Cardenas;
Doreen M. Colon Camacho;
Dorene C. Dominguez;
Jose B. Fernandez;
Patrick Alexander
Lopez Negrete; and
Ricardo Romo.

The President announced his intention to appoint Randolph D. Brock III and Frederic V. Malek as members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Nancy L. Johnson and Albert Hawkins III as members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Naval Academy.

December 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with members of the Commission on Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism.

December 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the State Floor and then in the Map Room, he participated in an interview with John Yang of NBC News.

December 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 6

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

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

December 7

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

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

December 8

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

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

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

December 9

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

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

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

December 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in an

interview with Tom Bevan and John McIntyre of RealClearPolitics. He then participated in an interview with Liz Clarke of the Washington Post.

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

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

December 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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

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

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation:

Richard D. Fairbanks;
Arthur G. Linkletter;
Sonya E. Medina;
Stephen Odland; and
Jose R. Ramos.

December 12

In the morning, the President met separately with several senior advisers to discuss failed bailout legislation for the U.S. automobile industry. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

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

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

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

December 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President traveled to Baghdad, Iraq, arriving the following afternoon.

The President declared an emergency in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local response efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm beginning on December 11 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm beginning on December 11 and continuing.

December 14

In the afternoon, at Salam Palace, the President met with President Jalal Talabani and Vice Presidents Adil Abd Al-Mahdi and Tariq al-Hashimi of Iraq.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Prime Minister's palace, where he met with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq. Later, he participated in an interview with ABC News. He then traveled to Camp Victory.

Later in the evening, the President traveled to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, arriving the following morning.

December 15

In the morning, the President traveled to the Presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan. Later, President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan awarded him the Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan Insignia. He then returned to Bagram Air Base, where he met with U.S. Special Forces personnel.

Later in the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared an emergency in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm beginning on December 11 and continuing.

December 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority to the White House on December 19.

December 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Carlisle, PA, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, at the U.S. Army War College, the President met with Army War College students. He then returned to Washington, DC.

December 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Special Envoy to Sudan Richard S. Williamson to discuss the situation in Darfur and the status of the proposed north-south peace agreement.

The President declared an emergency in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm beginning on December 11 and continuing.

December 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Grand Foyer, the President participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the 2007 Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers.

December 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush visited Pathways to Housing DC.

In the afternoon, the President visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he met with wounded military personnel and their families and presented seven Purple Heart medals.

December 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a bill signing ceremony for H.R. 7311, the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008.

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

December 24

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

The President announced his intention to appoint Carol Ann Bartz, Maria Cino, and Israel Hernandez as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jennifer E. Sims as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mark C. Sanford, Jr., as a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kevin R. Johnson and Kay Sears as members of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to appoint John M. Hart as a member of the National Capital Planning Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Geoffrey L. Haskett and Charles J. Johnson as Commissioners of the U.S. Section of the U.S.-Russia Polar Bear Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars:

Sander R. Gerber;
Charles E. Cobb;
Carlos M. Gutierrez; and
Barry Jackson.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara Bruin, Mark A. Carter, and Grace Flores-Hughes as members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

The President announced his intention to appoint Nancy Goodman Brinker, Condoleezza Rice, and Leonard Sands as members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board:

Jean Loretta Becker;
Gary R. Edson;
Anita B. McBride; and
James L. Oblinger.

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.

December 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the situation in the Middle East.

December 29

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss the situation in the Middle East. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in a video teleconference with Vice President Dick Cheney, White House Chief of Staff Joshua B. Bolten, and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley to discuss the situation in the Middle East and U.S. efforts to help reach a cease-fire.

December 30

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss the situation in the Middle East. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He then had a video teleconference with Vice President Dick Cheney, White House Chief of Staff Joshua B. Bolten, and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley to discuss the situation in the Middle East.

Later in the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad of the Palestinian Authority to discuss the situation in the Middle East and their efforts to reach a cease-fire, as well as U.S. humanitarian aid to the region.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to discuss the situation in the Middle East.

December 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India and President Asif Ali Zardari of Pakistan to discuss the Mumbai, India, terrorist attacks investigation and India-Pakistan relations. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel to discuss the situation in the Middle East.

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 January 5, 2009.

January 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President-elect Barack Obama.

January 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will host Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of the United Nations and his wife Yoo Soon-taek for lunch at the White House on January 6.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm beginning on December 11 and continuing.

January 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he was briefed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on the situation in the Middle East.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a dinner for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and combatant commanders. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to discuss her January 6 trip to the United Nations.

The President declared a major disaster in Hawaii and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from December 10 to 16.

The President declared a major disaster in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm and flooding beginning on December 11 and continuing.

January 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Fort Myer, VA, where they attended a military appreciation parade. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a lunch for Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of the United Nations and his wife Yoo Soon-taek.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with congressional leaders.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Accra, Ghana, to attend the inauguration of President John Evans Atta Mills on January 7: Ronald A. Tschetter (head of delegation); Donald G. Teitelbaum; and R. Timothy Ziemer.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert D. McCallum, Jr., as a member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Martin Faga as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Panel of Conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes:

James C. Boggs;
William Burek;
Ronald A. Cass; and
Emmet Flood.

The President announced his intention to appoint Fred F. Fielde and Daniel M. Price as members of the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.

The President announced his intention to appoint Raymond Loretto and Virgil Trujillo as members of the Board of Directors of the Valles Caldera Trust.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports:

David A. Josseland (and, upon appointment, designate him as Chairman);
Kirk M. Bauer (and, upon appointment, designate him as Vice Chairman);
Steven Bornstein;
Susan Lieberman Dell;
Allyson Felix;
Susan Finn;
Diego Gutierrez;
James W. Holsinger, Jr.;
Michelle Wing Kwan;
Robert A. Labonte;
Edward R. Laskowski;
Elisha N. Manning;
David W. Marsh;
Leslie E. Miles;
Omar Minaya;
Richard F. "Digger" Phelps;
Ruth Riley; and
Jason Sehorn.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council:

Elliot Abrams;
Joshua B. Boltzen;
Alan I. Casden;
Michael Chertoff;
William Danhof;
Sanford Gottesman;
Cheryl Feldman Halpern;
J. David Heller;
Amy Kaslow;
M. Ronald Krongold;
Michael B. Mukasey; and
Daniel Silva.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sally K. Mason, Robert Y. Moore, and Henry Yang as members of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

The President announced his intention to appoint Nancy Ann Starnes and Hans A. Van Winkle as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Lynne A. Osmus as Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The President announced his intention to designate Susan E. Dudley as Acting Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget.

January 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President-elect Barack Obama.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with former Presidents Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, and William J. Clinton and President-elect Barack Obama. Then, in the Private Dining Room, he hosted a lunch for the former Presidents and President-elect Obama. Later, at DAR Constitution Hall, he made remarks to Presidential appointees.

January 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Philadelphia, PA, where, at the General Philip Kearny School, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Adam Bruckner. They then visited several classrooms and met with students.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable discussion on the No Child Left Behind Act.

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

January 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Bolling Club at Bolling Air Force Base, he visited with White House Communications Agency and White House Transportation Agency staff.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm and flooding from December 11 to 29.

January 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Norfolk, VA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, VA, where

he met with U.S. Navy SEAL teams. Later, he traveled to Andrews Air Force Base, MD, where, in the Air Force One hangar, he visited the Presidential Airlift Group. He then returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Felipe de Jesus Calderon Hinojosa of Mexico to the White House on January 13.

January 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and former President George H.W. Bush participated in an interview with Ninoska Perez Castellon of Radio Mambi.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robin Hayes, Susan C. Schwab, and Richard J. Tubb as members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The President announced his intention to designate Patrick Ward as Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

January 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared an emergency in the District of Columbia and ordered Federal aid to supplement District response efforts in support of the 56th Presidential Inauguration.

January 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President met with and made remarks to family members of U.S. servicemembers killed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm from December 11 to 18.

January 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the State Department, he met with Foreign Service officers and State Department employees.

January 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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

The President announced his intention to designate Edwin S. Kneedler as Acting Solicitor General at the Department of Justice.

January 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 18

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

January 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he had several telephone conversations with current and former world leaders.

In the afternoon, on the State Floor, the President and former President George H.W. Bush participated in an interview with historian Richard Norton Smith.

January 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the North Portico, he and Mrs. Bush welcomed President-elect Barack Obama and his wife Michelle. Then, in the Blue Room, they had coffee with President-elect Obama and Mrs. Obama, Vice President-elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and his wife Jill, and the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies leadership.

Later in the morning, at the U.S. Capitol, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in the swearing-in ceremony for President-elect Barack Obama.