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credit against their college costs. I think it's very important that we move on it.

The next thing I would like to say is I'm very encouraged and I have very positive feelings about the progress made in the conference on the budget plan. The conferees are obviously determined to move toward the largest deficit reduction package in history and to do it in a way that promotes growth and jobs. I was quite encouraged that some of the provisions that were agreed on yesterday were those that I think are important to encourage people to invest in new jobs in this country, including the provision long championed by Senator Bumpers to give a significant tax break to people who make investments of 5 years or longer in new businesses and smaller businesses in this country. So I think we're off to a good start on that, and I'm very hopeful about the spirit that is prevailing in the conference today.

Deputy Counsel Vincent Foster, Jr.

Q. Mr. President, do you have any update on the Park Police or the Justice Department on Vince Foster and the investigation?

The President. No. It's just a normal, routine thing that would be done. I don't think anything's going to come out other than what you already know.

Q. What will you say about your friend in Arkansas?

The President. That he was a wonderful person. That I don't think that any of us will ever know exactly why his life ended the way it did. But today I think that we should all determine not to judge his life by the way it ended solely. He was a terrific friend, a great father, a great husband, a great lawyer. He was one of the ablest and best people I ever knew in my life. That's what makes this day the more painful. But we have to accept the fact that there are many things we're not in control of, many things we don't understand, and we have to be grateful for what his life was.

Thank you.

Midwest Disaster Assistance

Q. The floods—what about the funds, and are they playing politics on the flood issue?

The President. Who?

Q. The House?

The President. I don't think we should read too much into that. Let's wait and see what happens next week. There are people in the House that have very strong feelings about the procedures by which matters should be brought to vote and debated, and I think that's what's going on. I wouldn't read too much into that one way or the other. Let's wait and see what they do. I think they'll work through it next week.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:15 a.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to his departure for Little Rock, AR. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

July 17

In the morning, the President traveled to St. Louis, MO, where he took a helicopter tour of damage caused by severe flooding.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Little Rock, AR.

July 18

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

July 19

President Clinton declared major disasters exist in Nebraska and South Dakota as a result of severe storms and flooding and ordered the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to affected individuals and communities in those States.

July 22

The White House announced the President will travel to Chicago, IL, on July 26 to address the Conference on the Future of the American Workplace sponsored by the Departments of Commerce and Labor.

The President declared a major disaster exists in Kansas as a result of severe storms and flooding and ordered the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist individuals and families in a five-county area.

The President announced the appointment of the following Senior Executive Service officials:

Agency for International Development
Richard McCall, Jr., Chief of Staff

Department of Commerce
Will Martin, Special Adviser for International Affairs, NOAA

Department of Defense
Keith Gaby, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
Jonathan Spalter, Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy
Timothy Connelly, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict
Carol DiBattiste, Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Navy
Sandra Stuart, Assistant to the Secretary for Legislative Affairs
Todd Weiler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Training
Wade R. Sanders, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserves
Joseph J. Kruzel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Policy

Department of Education
Howard Ray Moses, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Raymond C. Pierce, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Civil Rights
Thomas R. Wolanin, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs

Department of Energy
Dan W. Reicher, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management
Terry Cornwall Rumsey, Director, Office of Scientific and Technical Information

General Services Administration
Patrick Dorinson, Assistant Administrator for Public Affairs
Emily Clark Hewitt, General Counsel
Kenneth Kimbrough, Commissioner of Building Services

Department of Health and Human Services
Anna Durand, Deputy General Counsel
Ann Rosewater, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and External Affairs, Administration for Children, Youth and Families

Department of the Interior
Robert L. Baum, Associate Solicitor (Conservation and Wildlife)
Anne H. Shields, Deputy Solicitor

Department of Justice
Samuel J. Dubbin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Policy Development
George Havens, Special Assistant, Office of the Attorney General
Sheldon C. Bilchik, Assistant Deputy Attorney General
Robert Brink, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs

Department of State
Barbara Mills Larkin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs
Valerie A. Mims, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Legislative Affairs

Department of Transportation
Theodore A. McConnell, Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration

Department of the Treasury
Fe Morales Marks, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Financial Institutions)
Mozelle Willmont Thompson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Government Finance

David A. Lipton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Eastern European and Former Soviet Union Policy

Office of the United States Trade Representative
Irving A. Williamson, Deputy General Counsel
Jennifer Hillman, Chief Textile Negotiator

July 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Little Rock, AR, where he and Hillary Clinton attended funeral services for Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, Jr., at St. Andrew's Cathedral and Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted July 20

Louis J. Freeh,
of New York, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the term of 10 years, vice William S. Sessions.

Gaynelle Griffin Jones,
of Texas, to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of 4 years, vice Ronald G. Woods.

Karen Elizabeth Schreier,
of South Dakota, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of 4 years, vice Philip N. Hogen.

Judith Ann Stewart,
of Indiana, to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of 4 years, vice Deborah J. Daniels.

Walter Michael Troop,
of Kentucky, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of 4 years, vice Joseph M. Whittle.

Submitted July 22

Graham T. Allison, Jr.,
of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Stephen John Hadley, resigned.

Robert T. Watson,
of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, vice Donald A. Henderson, resigned.

Sheila E. Widnall,
of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of the Air Force, vice Donald B. Rice, resigned.

Frank Eugene Kruesi,
of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, vice Stephen T. Hart.

Jay E. Hakes,
of Florida, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, vice Calvin A. Kent, resigned.

Submitted July 23

Walter F. Mondale,
of Minnesota, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released July 17
Joint Statement Between the United States and Russia on Cooperation in Space

Released July 19
Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers