

the situation in the Middle East and U.S.-Saudi relations.

Later in the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings.

In the evening, the President welcomed actor Mel Gibson to the White House and hosted a screening of the film "We Were Soldiers."

The President announced his intention to nominate John Peter Suarez to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Russell George to be Inspector General of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

February 27

In the morning, the President had breakfast with congressional leaders. Later, he traveled to Charlotte, NC, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas Forrest Hall to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Leonard Helgeson to be Inspector General for the Central Intelligence Agency.

February 28

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Mohamed VI of Morocco to discuss the situation in the Middle East and the United Nations effort to resolve the Western Sahara dispute. He then met with the Homeland Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney and then met with bipartisan Members of Congress to discuss steel policy.

The White House announced that the President will welcome His All Holiness Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, to the White House on March 5.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker of Luxembourg for a working visit on March 6.

The White House announced that the President and Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland will meet at the White House on March 13.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Patrick John Finn to be Ambassador to Afghanistan.

March 1

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he traveled to Des Moines, IA. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC. The President and Mrs. Bush then went to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Albert Casey to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen Geoffrey Rademaker to be Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jack David as Chairman of the U.S. Section of the United States and Canada Permanent Joint Board on Defense.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Naval Academy: Tirso Del Junco, Frederick Meyer, Jane Ellen Newman, and Michael Stephen Steele.

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 February 26

Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden, Jr., USMC, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, vice James R. Thompson, Jr., resigned.

Robert Watson Cobb,
of Maryland, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, vice Roberta L. Gross.

Michael Alan Guhin,
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Executive Service, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Fissile Material Negotiator.

Otto J. Reich,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs), vice Peter F. Romero, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from December 20, 2001, to January 23, 2002.

Submitted February 27

Lawrence E. Butler,
of Maine, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

J. Russell George,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service, vice Luise S. Jordan, resigned.

John Leonard Helgersen,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency, vice L. Britt Snider, resigned.

Victoria A. Lipnic,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, vice Bernard E. Anderson.

Deborah Matz,
of New York, to be a member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2005, vice Geoff Bacino, to which position she was appointed during the recess of the Senate from December 20, 2001, to January 23, 2002.

Naomi Shihab Nye,
of Texas, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006 (reappointment).

Submitted February 28

Rene Acosta,
of Virginia, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board for the remainder of the term expiring August 27, 2003, vice William B. Cowen, who was appointed to this position during the recess of the Senate from December 20, 2001, to January 23, 2002.

Christopher C. Conner,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, vice Sylvia H. Rambo, retired.

John E. Jones III,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, vice James F. McClure, Jr., retired.

Submitted March 1

John R. Edwards,
of Vermont, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Vermont for the term of 4 years, vice John Hollingsworth Sinclair.

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 February 25

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Annual Presidential Determinations for Major Illicit Drug Producing and Drug-Transit Countries

Fact sheet: Overview of Annual Presidential Determinations on Major Illicit Drug Producing and Drug-Transit Countries

Announcement: Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge To Address the National Emergency Management Association