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Bono to discuss U.S. contributions to AIDS relief in Africa.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a roundtable discussion on the Clear Skies Initiative legislation with State, local, and community leaders.

In the evening, the President hosted Republican Senators at the White House.

The White House announced that the President has invited President Nicanor Duarte Frutos of Paraguay to meet with him at the White House on September 26.

September 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and then met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President had a briefing on Hurricane Isabel.

In the afternoon, the President met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Benjamin A. Gilman to be U.S. Representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ann M. Corkery and Walid Maalouf to be U.S. Alternate Representatives to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Cabaniss to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roderick R. Paige and Louise V. Oliver to be U.S. Representatives to the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bernice Phillips to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kirk Van Tine to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

September 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush welcomed King Abdullah II and Queen Rania of Jordan to Camp David for an overnight visit.

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 Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

September 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Maryland and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

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 September 15

David Wayne Anderson,
of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, vice Neal A. McCaleb, resigned.

H. Douglas Barclay,
of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of El Salvador.

David Eisner,
of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, vice Leslie Lenkowsky, resigned.

W. Robert Pearson,
of Tennessee, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, vice Ruth A. Davis.

Randall L. Tobias,
of Indiana, to be Coordinator of U.S. Government Activities To Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, with the rank of Ambassador.

Read Van de Water,
of North Carolina, to be a member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2006, vice Francis J. Duggan, term expired.

Submitted September 17

William Cabaniss,
of Alabama, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Czech Republic.

Louise V. Oliver,
of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the 32d Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Louise V. Oliver,
of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Roderick R. Paige,
of Texas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the 32d Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Submitted September 18

Kenneth M. Karas,
of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York, vice Allen G. Schwartz, deceased.

Kirk Van Tine,
of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, vice Michael P. Jackson, resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

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

Released September 15

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan, Acting Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Marianne Horinko, and Council on Environmental Quality Chairman James L. Connaughton

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

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of President Vladimir Putin of the Russian Federation

Statement by the Press Secretary: Presidential Determination Regarding KEDO Funding

Fact sheet: Improving Air Quality and Increasing Energy Efficiency, Safety, and Reliability

Released September 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of President Nicanor Duarte of Paraguay

Fact sheet: Clear Skies: A Clear Improvement for the Environment

Released September 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1668

Released September 18

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to North Carolina

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Virginia