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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

Released September 19

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Maryland

Acts Approved by the President

Approved September 17

H.R. 1668 / Public Law 108–80
To designate the United States courthouse located at 101 North Fifth Street in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the "Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse"