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Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

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.

April 14

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

April 15

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

April 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq. He then had a telephone conversation with Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales.

In the afternoon, the President had a briefing on the shootings at Virginia Tech.

The President announced his intention to nominate Reuben Jeffery III to be Under Secretary of State (Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs), and to be U.S. Alternate Governor of the following organizations: the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; the Inter-American Development Bank; the African Development Bank; the African Development Fund; the Asian Development Bank; and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

April 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he participated in a meeting with families to discuss taxes.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Blacksburg, VA. He then met with Charles W. Steger, president, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Later, at Cassell Coliseum, the President and Mrs. Bush met with survivors and family members of victims of the Virginia Tech shootings of April 16.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush visited and added their names to a campus memorial for the victims of the Virginia Tech shootings. He then participated in separate interviews with Katie Couric of CBS News, Brian Williams of NBC News, and Charles Gibson of ABC News. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

April 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he toured the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with congressional leaders to discuss emergency supplemental appropriations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Frederick B. Cook to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph A. Ereli to be Ambassador to Bahrain.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard B. Norland to be Ambassador to Uzbekistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alan J. Patricof to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Phillip Jackson Bell, Franklin G. Gale, and Lee J. Lofthus as members of the Board of Directors of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc.

April 19

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Dayton, OH, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bob Rehmert.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Tipp City, OH. Later, he returned to Washington, DC. He then had a telephone conversation with Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales.

April 20

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Grand Rapids, MI, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Chuck Hinken. He then traveled to East Grand Rapids, MI.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with family members of soldiers killed in Iraq. He then visited the gravesite of President Gerald R. Ford. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced that he has named Thomas P. Bossert as Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Senior Director for Preparedness Policy.

The President announced that he has named Elizabeth H. Dial as Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Eric Draper as Special Assistant to the President and White House Photographer.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding on March 16–18.

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 April 16

Dennis R. Schrader,
of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security (new position).

Submitted April 18

Frederick B. Cook,
of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Central African Republic.

Joseph Adam Ereli,
of the District of Columbia, 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 Kingdom of Bahrain.

Reuben Jeffery III,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs), vice Josette Sheeran Shiner.

Reuben Jeffery III,
of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of 5 years; U.S. Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of 5 years; U.S. Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of 5 years; U.S. Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; U.S. Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and U.S. Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, vice Josette Sheeran Shiner.

Richard Boyce Norland,
of Iowa, 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 Republic of Uzbekistan.

Withdrawn April 18

Enrique J. Sosa,
of Florida, to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years, vice Linwood Holton, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.