

Minister Samak Sundaravej of Thailand. Later, he traveled to the Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok.

August 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. Later, he toured the Human Development Foundation—Mercy Centre.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the U.S. Ambassador's residence, where he participated in a briefing on Cyclone Nargis disaster relief efforts in Burma and had lunch with Burmese activists. Later, he traveled to Don Muang Royal Thai Air Force Base, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. They then traveled to Beijing, China, arriving in the evening.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Westin Beijing Chaoyang hotel.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Asuncion, Paraguay, to attend the inauguration of President Fernando Lugo on August 15: Carlos M. Gutierrez (head of delegation); Liliana Ayalde; Robert Mosbacher, Jr.; and Daniel W. Fisk.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, to attend the inauguration of President Leonel Antonio Fernandez Reyna on August 16: Robert J. Portman (head of delegation); P. Robert Fannin; Julio Franco; Kathi Koll; and Omar Minaya.

The President announced that he has named Brian Cossiboom as Special Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel.

The President announced that he has named J. Keith Ausbrook as Special Assistant to the President and Executive Secretary on the Homeland Security Council staff.

August 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where they met with Embassy staff and their families. Later, they traveled to the Great Hall of the People.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a social reception and lunch hosted by President Hu Jintao of China and his wife, Liu Yongqing. During the reception, he met with Prime Minister Vladimir V. Putin of Russia to discuss the situation in Georgia.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Fencing Hall, where they met with International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge. Later, they traveled to National Stadium, where they attended the opening ceremony of the 2008 summer Olympic games. During the ceremony, the President again met with Prime Minister Putin to discuss the situation in Georgia.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to the Westin Beijing Chaoyang hotel, where he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley to discuss the situation in Georgia.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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 August 4

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino and National Security Council Senior Director for East Asian Affairs Dennis C. Wilder

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 3370