

Coach DeBerry. Mr. President, I appreciate it. Thank you very much, kind words, thank you very much. We are honored to be here, a great big honor for us because it's your trophy.

Thank you, sir.

The President. Thank you.

[Coach Fisher DeBerry, Lt. Gen. Paul Stein, USAF, Superintendent, United States Air Force Academy, and Leron Hudgins, Falcons team captain, made brief remarks and presented the President with a team jersey and a hat. Mr. Hudgins stated that when the President was elected in 1992, he and his classmates knew they would get a chance to visit through the Commander-In-Chief Trophy.]

The President. That's a high level of confidence, that 1992 remark. [Laughter] Well, I thank you very much. I will run in the jersey, I'll play golf in the cap, and I'll always remember this day.

One thing I do want to say again is that, as confident as these young people are, I've never heard any of these young men say in the last 4 years anything that could be roughly interpreted as, when we're not around they won't have a great team anymore. [Laughter] And I think again that's a real tribute to the spirit of teamwork that prevails.

So I thank you, I'm glad to be here, and I think we're going to take a couple of pictures, and then we'll break up and shake hands.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:30 a.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House.

Statement on the Death of Calvin

A.H. Waller

May 10, 1996

We mourn the passing of Lieutenant General Calvin A.H. Waller, U.S. Army (Ret.), whose dedicated and exceptional career is admired by everyone who knew of his extraordinary courage, inspiring leadership, and selfless service. During a distinguished career which culminated in his service as Deputy Commander of U.S. Forces in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm, General Waller achieved prominence as a

skillful and disciplined professional and a caring, enthusiastic commander. His rise from humble beginnings to one of the highest-ranking African-American officers in the U.S. military through stalwart determination and a record of excellence served as an inspiration to minority and non-minority officers. To General Waller's wife, Marion, his family and friends and to the Army community, I extend my deepest sympathy. He will be remembered as one of America's finest soldiers and most capable military leaders.

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.

May 6

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding April 28.

May 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia. Later, he traveled to Newark and Woodbridge, NJ.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to New Vernon, NJ, where he attended a Democratic reception at a private residence. In the evening, he traveled to Jersey City, where he attended a Democratic reception at Liberty State Park. Later, the President returned to Washington, DC.

May 8

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a Democratic National Committee reception at the Washington Convention Center and a Saxophone Club reception at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Reynaldo F. Macias to the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to reappoint William M. Daley, John Sasso, Jose H. Villarreal, Kathryn G. Thompson, and Thomas A. Leonard to the Federal National Mortgage Association Board of Directors.

The White House announced that the President has invited President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland to Washington for a working visit on July 8.

May 9

The White House announced that the President has designated the following individuals to serve on the interim Board of Directors for the Czech and Slovak American Enterprise Fund: John J. Cavanaugh (Chair); E. Patrick Coady; and Hughlyn F. Fierce.

May 10

In the afternoon, the President traveled to State College, PA, where he gave the commencement address at the Pennsylvania State University Graduate School. He then returned to Washington, DC.

to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zambia.

Stanley N. Schragger, of Illinois, 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 Republic of Djibouti.

Submitted May 9

Richard A. Lazzara, of Florida, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, vice John H. Moore II, retired.

Margaret M. Morrow, of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, vice Richard A. Gadbois, Jr., retired.

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 May 6

John F. Hicks, of North Carolina, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Eritrea.

Alan R. McKee, of Maryland, 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 Swaziland.

Arlene Render, of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,

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 May 4

Statement by National Economic Adviser Laura D'Andrea Tyson on budget negotiations

Released May 5

Statement by Chief of Staff Leon Panetta on House Majority Leader Richard Armey's call for deep cuts in education

Released May 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing disaster assistance for Illinois