

to extend another invitation to come back to our glorious county.

The President. Thank you very much. I'll try to do it without incident next time. [Laughter]

Ms. Burdick. Well, okay. Thank you. I'm going to turn you over to our wonderful principal here, Ms. Hukill.

Ms. Una Hukill. Good morning, Mr. President. This is Una Hukill, the principal of Lighthouse Elementary. And on behalf of all of our students and our staff and our parents, we wish you a very, very speedy recovery. All of our thoughts and prayers are certainly with you this morning.

The President. Thank you. Thank you for all the effort you put into this visit. I'm so sorry I can't be there. I'm looking at the children on television now. They look wonderful. And I hope I get a chance to visit with you in the future.

Ms. Hukill. Well, I truly want to extend that offer to you. Anytime that you happen to be anywhere near our area, our door is always open and welcome to you, and any impromptu time, we would be happy to have you here with us.

The President. Thank you very much.

Ms. Hukill. And have a very speedy recovery, and you'll be receiving packages from us very soon.

The President. I can't wait. I'll need it.

Ms. Hukill. I need to just tell you that we have some wonderful lemon cake and your Diet Coke in sterling silver waiting for you, and we'll keep it.

The President. [Laughter] Just save them all. I'll be there.

Ms. Hukill. We'll save it. We're hoping that we'll be able to just put it on hold for a very brief time.

The President. Hi, kids. I can see them waving on the television. That's great.

Ms. Hukill. Let me give this to Superintendent Kowal who will also introduce to you Congressman Mark Foley. Okay, I guess he just spoke at you. I'll give you back to the Superintendent. Thank you so much, and for a speedy recovery.

The President. Thank you. Goodbye.

Dr. Kowal. One more time we want to let Marcy, who introduced you, say goodbye. We really appreciate—I know when you are

in pain it's sometimes hard to have a smile on your face, but everybody tells us you do right now.

The President. Thank you. I'm doing fine.

Dr. Kowal. That's really good. Just re-echoing what the Commissioner said. We have a school board that has been committed to doing the right things for children in providing the very best in teaching and learning. And I know that you would have liked to have seen that, classroom to classroom. But you're certainly here in our spirits.

I'm going to let President Haylett say goodbye to you. Okay? Hello?

The President. Yes, I can hear you.

Ms. Haylett. Hi, hope you feel better.

The President. Thank you, Marcy. I'll feel better. And you tell all your classmates that I'm sorry I missed them, and I thank them for their good wishes, okay?

Ms. Haylett. Okay. Hope to see you next Friday in Washington.

The President. Oh, great. I'd like that.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:06 a.m. from Air Force One. The President canceled his scheduled visit to the school when he injured his knee during a visit to professional golfer Greg Norman's residence on the evening of March 13. Participants in the telephone conversation included: Joan P. Kowal, superintendent, Palm Beach County schools; Florida Commissioner of Education Frank Brogan; Marcy Haylett, student body president, and Una Hukill, principal, Lighthouse Elementary School; and Paulette Burdick, chair, Palm Beach County School Board.

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.

March 10

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Tarr-Whelan, who currently serves as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, to the rank of Ambassador.

March 11

The President announced his intention to appoint Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes to be a member of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors.

The President declared a major disaster in the Federated States of Micronesia and ordered Federal aid to supplement FSM recovery efforts in the area struck by Typhoon Fern, December 25–26, 1996.

March 12

The President announced his intention to appoint Aida Alvarez as a member of the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross.

March 13

In the morning, the President traveled to Raleigh, NC. In the afternoon, he traveled to Miami, FL.

March 14

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he went to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, to undergo knee surgery for injuries sustained when he lost his footing on a staircase at the home of golf pro Greg Norman in Florida the night before.

**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 March 11

Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 1999, vice Jack Edwards, term expired.

Submitted March 12

Letitia Chambers, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

James Catherwood Hormel, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Prezell R. Robinson, of North Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

**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 March 10

Transcripts of press briefings by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on endorsement by three former Senators of Anthony Lake to be Director of Central Intelligence

Transcript of remarks by the First Lady and Education Secretary Richard Riley in a roundtable discussion on education

Released March 11

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Office of Management and Budget Director Franklin Raines, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Government Financial Policy Mozelle Thompson, and Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Ellen