

Third, let me say a special word of appreciation for something the President mentioned, and that is the work that is being done with the rainforest and with the space program by Dr. Franklin Cheng Diaz to deal with Chagas disease, which kills 20,000 people in Latin America every year. The idea of combining what we know about space and what we find in the rainforest to make people have better and healthier lives is another stunning reminder that we destroy these resources at our peril.

Last, let me say, we're finding new ways to preserve our natural heritage. Once, our National Park Service worked with Costa Rica to help to set up your incredible network of parks. Now the Costa Rican Park Service is returning the favor by helping us to use your computer software in ways that will enable our park rangers at Yellowstone, which is the shining diamond of our park system, to catalog and preserve its natural wonders.

Soon after we complete this moment, Secretary Babbitt and Minister Castro will sign an agreement strengthening our cooperation for the next century. We're also working together to help other countries take better care of their wildlife, train professionals to manage fisheries in Argentina, run national parks in Paraguay, teach conservation in Guatemala. Now we have to work across national lines to protect the habitat of the songbirds, the sea turtles, the other creatures that migrate between our shores, and to stop the illegal and deadly trade in endangered species.

Yesterday in San Jose, President Figueres, our fellow leaders, and I pledged to make sustainable development a cornerstone of our relations. It will be part of the 1998 Summit of the Americas in Santiago and, eventually, the foundation of a larger global effort.

We must ban leaded gasoline everywhere, not just in Costa Rica, and control pesticides in our hemisphere, and reach a global agreement to phase out the most dangerous toxic chemicals. We have to protect our own forests and work with the United Nations to develop a strategy for the sustainable management of others around the world. And we must meet the challenge of climate change, regionally and beyond our hemisphere.

Together, we can make this a very historic year, Mr. President. As you know, the United Nations is having a special session next month on the environment. I am pleased to be leading America's delegation to the U.N. I hope many other world leaders will be there. Together, we need to reaffirm the spirit of Rio and lay out the concrete steps we're going to take to move ahead to make the preservation of the global environment and sustainable development the policy of every nation on Earth.

We are seeking to build a world where people live in the 21st century in harmony, not at war with each other; when they recognize that they have more in common than what divides them; when they no longer seek to elevate themselves by demeaning other people. That kind of world will only occur if we are also generous, wise, and good to our natural environment, and where we do not expect today's growth to threaten tomorrow's survival. That is my commitment. That is Costa Rica's commitment. Let us make sure we realize it.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

Before the paper is too wet, we have to ask Secretary Peña, Secretary Babbitt, and Minister Castro to come sign our agreements on electric transport and parks on behalf of our two nations. And we hope that the pens still work. [*Laughter*]

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:07 a.m. In his remarks, he referred to Dr. Gabriel Macaya, rector, University of Costa Rica; Mike Findley, superintendent, Yellowstone National Park; Joaquin Viquez, student who introduced the President; Dr. Franklin Cheng Diaz, director, Laboratorio de Propulsion Avanzada Especial de la NASA; and Costa Rican Minister of Natural Resources, Energy, and Mines Rene Castro. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest an-

nounced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 5

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Mexico City, Mexico, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Sklar to serve as U.S. Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform at the State Department, with rank of Ambassador.

May 6

In the evening, the President met separately with Mexican opposition leaders Felipe de Jesus Calderon Hinjosa, president, National Action Party (PAN), Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, president, Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD), and Humberto Roque Villanueva, president, Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), in the Castillo Room of El Presidente Intercontinental Hotel.

Later, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a cultural presentation at the Palacio de Belles Artes with President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico and Mrs Anilda Zedillo.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jackie M. Clegg as First Vice President and Vice Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The President announced his intention to nominate James A. Harmon as President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathy Karpan as Director of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick A. Shea as Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

May 7

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Tlaxcala and Teotihuacan, Mexico. In the evening, they returned to Mexico City.

Later, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica.

May 8

In the morning, the President visited the Museum of Costa Rican Art.

The White House announced that the President will give commencement addresses at Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD, May 18; West Point, May 31; and the University of California-San Diego, June 14.

May 9

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Bridgetown, Barbados.

The White House announced that in connection with his trip to The Netherlands May 28 for the U.S.-European Union summit and the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Marshall plan, the President accepted an invitation to meet with newly elected Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom in London.

**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

Jackie M. Clegg,
of Utah, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2001, vice Martin A. Kamarck.

James A. Harmon,
of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2001, vice Martin A. Kamarck, resigned.

Richard Sklar,
of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.