

of water levels necessary to sustain threatened and endangered fish populations in the Klamath River Basin. Last year, the reduction in water available for irrigation caused severe economic consequences in the Basin. Ensuring that the farming community has access to sufficient water supply while complying with Federal environmental laws and respecting Tribal trust obligations will involve complex economic and legal issues that call for the immediate attention of Cabinet-level officials and others. Accordingly, I direct as follows:

1. *Establishment.* There is hereby established the Klamath River Basin Federal Working Group, which shall consist of the following officers of the Federal Government or other such officers designated by them: the Secretary of the Interior, who shall serve as Chair; the Secretary of Agriculture; the Secretary of Commerce; and the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality. Any designee named by a member of the group shall be a full-time or permanent part-time officer or employee of the Federal Government. The Secretary of the Interior may invite the participation of other Federal officials as appropriate and shall preside at meetings of the Klamath River Basin Federal Working Group and shall direct its work.

2. *Mission.* The Klamath River Basin Federal Working Group shall advise the President on immediate steps and long-term solutions to enhance water quality and quantity and to address other complex issues in the Klamath River Basin. In formulating this advice, the Klamath River Basin Federal Working Group or its members are encouraged to seek input from stakeholders, including members of the farming and fishing communities; residents of the Basin; representatives of conservation, environmental, and water use organizations, and existing coordinating entities; the States of Oregon and California; local governments; and representatives of Klamath River Basin Tribal governments.

3. *Funding.* The Department of the Interior shall, to the extent permitted by law and consistent with the need for funding as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, make funds appropriated to the Department of the Interior available to support the administra-

tive costs of the Klamath River Basin Federal Working Group.

4. *Authority.* Advice is requested from the Klamath River Basin Federal Working Group pursuant to the Opinions Clause of Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution and other applicable constitutional authorities of the President.

5. *Termination.* The Klamath River Basin Federal Working Group shall terminate 18 months from the date of this memorandum, or at my direction, whichever occurs earlier.

**George W. Bush**

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## Digest of Other White House Announcements

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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.

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### February 25

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Alan Guhin for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the U.S. Fissile Material Negotiator.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lawrence E. Butler to be Ambassador to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Watson Cobb to be Inspector General of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### February 26

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada to discuss the President's recent travel to Asia, the Prime Minister's recent travel to Germany and Russia, cooperation against terrorism, and various U.S.-Canadian trade issues. The President also had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, concerning

the situation in the Middle East and U.S.-Saudi relations.

Later in the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings.

In the evening, the President welcomed actor Mel Gibson to the White House and hosted a screening of the film "We Were Soldiers."

The President announced his intention to nominate John Peter Suarez to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Russell George to be Inspector General of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

### **February 27**

In the morning, the President had breakfast with congressional leaders. Later, he traveled to Charlotte, NC, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas Forrest Hall to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Leonard Helgeson to be Inspector General for the Central Intelligence Agency.

### **February 28**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Mohamed VI of Morocco to discuss the situation in the Middle East and the United Nations effort to resolve the Western Sahara dispute. He then met with the Homeland Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney and then met with bipartisan Members of Congress to discuss steel policy.

The White House announced that the President will welcome His All Holiness Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, to the White House on March 5.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker of Luxembourg for a working visit on March 6.

The White House announced that the President and Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland will meet at the White House on March 13.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Patrick John Finn to be Ambassador to Afghanistan.

### **March 1**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he traveled to Des Moines, IA. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC. The President and Mrs. Bush then went to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Albert Casey to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen Geoffrey Rademaker to be Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jack David as Chairman of the U.S. Section of the United States and Canada Permanent Joint Board on Defense.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Naval Academy: Tirso Del Junco, Frederick Meyer, Jane Ellen Newman, and Michael Stephen Steele.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### **Submitted February 26**

Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden, Jr., USMC, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, vice James R. Thompson, Jr., resigned.