

his Foreign Minister, as did Colin Powell. I'll speak to President Putin, I'm confident, soon. I'll have—I think we've got a scheduled phone call, actually.

And the first part of the question was, Democrats waiting for the U.N. to act? I can't imagine an elected United States—elected Member of the United States Senate or House of Representatives saying, "I think I'm going to wait for the United Nations to make a decision." It seems like to me that if you're representing the United States, you ought to be making a decision on what's best for the United States. If I were running for office, I'm not sure how I'd explain to the American people—say, "Vote for me, and, oh, by the way, on a matter of national security, I think I'm going to wait for somebody else to act."

And so I—we'll see. My answer to the Congress is, they need to debate this issue and consult with us and get the issue done as quickly as possible. It's in our national interests that we do so. I don't imagine Saddam Hussein sitting around, saying, "Gosh, I think I'm going to wait for some resolution." He's a threat that we must deal with as quickly as possible.

Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:15 a.m. at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Foreign Minister Igor Sergeyevich Ivanov of Russia. Participating in the meeting were: President Pierre Buyoya of Burundi; President Paul Biya of Cameroon; President Ange-Felix Patasse of the Central African Republic; President Idriss Deby of Chad; President Joseph Kabila of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of Equatorial Guinea; President El Hadj Omar Bongo of Gabon; President Denis Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo; President Paul Kagame of Rwanda; and President Fradique De Menezes of Sao Tome and Principe.

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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 an-

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

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#### **September 8**

During the day, the President returned from Camp David, MD, to Washington, DC.

#### **September 9**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with President Ahmet Necdet Sezer of Turkey, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark, in his capacity as President of the European Union, to discuss the situation in Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Detroit, MI, where he met with Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada. He then toured the U.S. Customs cargo inspection facility next to the Ambassador Bridge.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to discuss the situation in Iraq.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the Concert for America at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

#### **September 10**

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

Later, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain, President Alvaro Uribe of Colombia, and President Vicente Fox of Mexico to discuss the situation in Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President went to the Embassy of Afghanistan where he participated in a roundtable discussion with Arab and Muslim American leaders.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to Camp David, MD, on September 14.

The President announced his intention to nominate James M. Stephens to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President declared a major disaster in North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes on June 8–August 11.

The President declared a major disaster in Wisconsin and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on September 2.

### **September 11**

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a private service at St. John's Episcopal Church. Later, on the South Lawn of the White House, they participated in a moment of silence to mark the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The President and Mrs. Bush then traveled to the Pentagon in Arlington, VA, where they participated in an observance commemorating the terrorist attacks. Following the observance, they traveled to Shanksville, PA.

In the afternoon, in Shanksville, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a wreath laying ceremony for victims of the September 11, 2001, plane crash at the site of the crash.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to New York City, where he participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the site of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

### **September 12**

In the morning, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, the President had separate meetings with Secretary-General Kofi Annan and General Assembly President Jan Kavan of the United Nations.

In the afternoon, at the United Nations Headquarters, the President had separate meetings with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India, President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, and Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Xanana

Gusmao of East Timor to the White House on October 2.

### **September 13**

In the morning, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, the President met with President Joseph Kabila of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, and President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter DeShazo for the rank of Ambassador during his service as Deputy Permanent U.S. Representative to the Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States and U.S. Representative to the Inter-American Council for Integral Development.

The President announced his intention to designate David Barrett Cohen as U.S. Special Representative to the Northern Mariana Islands.

The President announced his intention to designate Thomas G. Bowman as Acting Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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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 September 10**

James M. Stephens, of Virginia, to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2005, vice Ross Edward Eisenbrey.

Glenn T. Suddaby, of New York, to be U.S. States Attorney for the Northern District of New York for the term of 4 years, vice Daniel J. French, resigned.