

cultural development, and the building of democracy and rule of law, bringing tangible benefits to the Chinese people. Their quality of life and standard of living are improving.

As the biggest developing country in the world, this road is still very long before China achieves full modernization. Our central task and long-term goal remain one of economic development and improvement of people's living standards.

The Chinese people have a tradition of peace loving. China has never engaged in expansion nor sought hegemony. We sincerely desire peace all over the world. Even when China becomes more developed in the future, it will not pose a threat to others. Threats have and will continue to prove that China is a staunch force for the maintenance of world and regional peace.

Thank you.

**President Bush.** Thank you all very much.

NOTE: The President's news conference began at 1:41 p.m. outside the Governor's House at the Bush Ranch. In his remarks, he referred to General Secretary Kim Chong-il of North Korea; Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan; President Kim Dae-jung of South Korea; and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq. President Bush also referred to the October 25 crash of a twin engine King Air aircraft in Eveleth, MN, which took the lives of Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota; his wife, Sheila Ison; his daughter, Marcia Wellstone; campaign aides Will McLaughlin, Tom Lopic, and Mary McEvoy; pilot Richard Conroy; and co-pilot Michael Guess. President Jiang referred to the DPRK, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. President Jiang spoke in Chinese, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

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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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#### October 20

In the afternoon, the President returned from Camp David, MD, to Washington, DC.

#### October 21

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

In the evening, the President traveled to McLean, VA, where he attended a Republican National Committee dinner at a private residence. He then returned to Washington, DC.

#### October 22

In the morning, the President had FBI briefings. Later, he traveled to Downingtown, PA. In the afternoon, he traveled to Bangor, ME, and later returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Peter Medgyessy of Hungary to Washington, DC, on November 8 to discuss cooperation against terrorism, the upcoming NATO summit in Prague, and other issues.

#### October 23

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Ahmet Necdet Sezer of Turkey concerning the Turkey-U.S. strategic partnership, cooperation on Iraq, and other issues. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he participated in a roundtable discussion with Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials on online safety for children.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the situation in Iraq.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dana Gioia to be Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dennis Algiere as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Arts, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

#### October 24

In the morning, the President had FBI briefings. He also had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia

to discuss his support for Russia concerning the terrorist takeover and hostage situation at a Moscow theater.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Charlotte, NC, and then to Columbia, SC. In the afternoon, he traveled to Auburn, AL.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX. While en route, he had a telephone conversation with Montgomery County, MD, Police Chief Charles Moose to congratulate him and other law enforcement officials for the apprehension of suspects in the recent sniper attacks in the Washington, DC, area.

#### **October 25**

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush welcomed President Jiang Zemin of China and his wife, Wang Yeping, to the Bush Ranch.

In the afternoon, the two Presidents toured the ranch. Later, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with President Jiang and his wife.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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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.

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#### **Released October 19**

Fact sheet: President Takes Action To Protect Pensions and Retirement Security for All Americans

#### **Released October 21**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Fact sheet: President Takes Action To Lower Prescription Drug Prices by Improving Access to Generic Drugs

#### **Released October 22**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Peter Medgyessy of Hungary

#### **Released October 23**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice on the President's upcoming meeting with President Jiang Zemin of China and the upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum

Fact sheet: Increasing Online Safety for America's Children

#### **Released October 24**

Transcripts of press gaggles by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

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### **Acts Approved by the President**

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#### **Approved October 21**

H.R. 5531 / Public Law 107-245  
Sudan Peace Act

#### **Approved October 23**

H.R. 2121 / Public Law 107-246  
Russian Democracy Act of 2002

H.R. 4085 / Public Law 107-247  
Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Act of 2002

H.R. 5010 / Public Law 107-248  
Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2003