

already embarked upon its reductions by starting to deactivate the Peacekeeper missiles located at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming, and by taking the first steps to remove four sea-launched ballistic missile submarines from strategic service.

I am hopeful that the Russian Duma and Federation Council will soon give their approval to ratification, so that President Putin and I can exchange instruments of ratification and the Moscow Treaty can enter into force.

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 1

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

March 2

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

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a gala at Ford's Theatre.

March 3

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Alvaro Uribe of Colombia to discuss efforts to release U.S. citizens taken hostage by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the war on terrorism, and the situation in Iraq.

The President then had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a roundtable discussion with regional news reporters.

The President announced his intention to nominate Diane M. Stuart to be Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., to be As-

sistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security Policy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Bruce M. Carnes as Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Homeland Security.

March 4

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India to discuss the situations in Iraq and South Asia. He also had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss the March 1 Arab League Summit in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, and the upcoming Islamic Conference Summit in Doha, Qatar, and the situations in Iraq and the Middle East.

The President then had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, the President met with leaders of the Digital Freedom Initiative, including Commerce Secretary Donald L. Evans, U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Andrew S. Natsios, and Peace Corps Director Gaddi H. Vasquez.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Paul Kagame of Rwanda to discuss initiatives to combat HIV/AIDS, the African Growth and Opportunity Act, and the situation in Iraq.

The President announced his intention to nominate William E. Moschella to be Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mark A. Forman as Administrator of the Office of Electronic Government, Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to appoint James S. Gilmore III and Winston Wilkinson as members of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

March 5

In the morning, the President had a breakfast meeting with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle to discuss international issues.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He then met with the National Security Council, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, and Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, to discuss possible military action against Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with papal envoy Cardinal Pio Laghi to discuss possible U.S. military action against Iraq. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Sergio Vieira de Mello.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen D. Mull to be Ambassador to Lithuania.

The President announced his intention to nominate Wayne E. Neill to be Ambassador to Benin.

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas J. Ridge as a Governor of the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross.

March 6

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, in the East Room, he met with a group of student delegates from the U.S. Senate Youth Program.

In the afternoon, in the Presidential Hall at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President made remarks to members of national health care organizations concerning health care initiatives.

Later in the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President presented the National Medals of Arts for 2002.

March 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Chok Tong Goh of Singapore to discuss the war on terror and the situation in Iraq. He also had a telephone conversation with President Alejandro Toledo of Peru to discuss the war on terror, efforts to promote democracy in the Andean region, the crisis in Venezuela, and the situation in Iraq.

The President then had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he dropped by a meet-

ing between Minister of Foreign Affairs Hamad bin Jasim bin Jabir al Thani of Qatar and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

In the afternoon, the President met privately with family members of the astronauts killed in the Space Shuttle *Columbia* accident on February 1.

Also in the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ralph Frank to be Ambassador to Croatia.

The President announced his intention to nominate William M. Bellamy to be Ambassador to Kenya.

The President announced his intention to nominate Julia Bartling, Lowell Junkins, and Glen Klippenstein to be members of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary L. Jordan to be Commissioner of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elizabeth Courtney to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to nominate John W. Leslie to be a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

The President announced his intention to designate Gene Hickok as Acting Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to designate the following individuals as members of the Intelligence Oversight Board: David E. Jeremiah, Arnold Kanter, James C. Langdon, Jr., and Brent Scowcroft.

The President announced his intention to appoint Frank Jao and Marilyn Castor Machon Patillo as members of the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rear Adm. Marsha Johnson Evans, USN (Ret.), and Gen. Samuel K. Lessey, Jr., USA, as members of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy.

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 5

Roland W. Bullen,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

P. Kevin Castel,
of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York, vice Lawrence M. McKenna, retired.

Michael Chertoff,
of New Jersey, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, vice Morton I. Greenberg, retired.

Samuel Der-Yeghiayan,
of Illinois, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, vice Marvin E. Aspen, retired.

Stephen D. Mull,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Lithuania.

Wayne E. Neill,
of Nevada, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Stephen C. Robinson,
of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York, vice John S. Martin, retired.

Diane M. Stuart,
of Utah, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice (new position).

Richard C. Wesley,
of New York, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, vice Pierre N. Leval, retired.

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 1

Statement by the Press Secretary on the meeting of the Iraqi opposition Advisory Committee in Salahudeen, Northern Iraq

Statement by the Press Secretary: Detention of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed

Released March 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Fact sheet: 21st Century Medicare: More Choices—Better Benefits

Released March 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released March 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Announcement: National Medal of Arts Recipients

Released March 6

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 19

Released March 7

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: U.S. Targeted Sanctions on Zimbabwean Government Officials