

is the illicit sex trade, a modern form of slavery which is encouraged by the Cuban Government. This cruel exploitation of innocent women and children must be exposed and must be ended.

Second, we are working to ensure that Cubans fleeing the dictatorship do not risk their lives at sea. My administration is improving the method through which we identify refugees and redoubling our efforts to process Cubans who seek to leave. We will better inform Cubans of the many routes to safe and legal entry into the United States through a public outreach campaign in southern Florida and inside Cuba itself. We will increase the number of new Cuban immigrants we welcome every year. We are free to do so, and we will, for the good of those who seek freedom. Our goal is to help more Cubans safely complete their journey to a free land.

Third, our Government will establish a Commission for the Assistance to a Free Cuba, to plan for the happy day when Castro's regime is no more and democracy comes to the island. This commission will be cochaired by the Secretary of State, Colin Powell, and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Mel Martinez. They will draw upon experts within our Government to plan for Cuba's transition from Stalinist rule to a free and open society, to identify ways to hasten the arrival of that day.

The transition to freedom will present many challenges to the Cuban people and to America, and we will be prepared. America is not alone in calling for freedom inside of Cuba. Countries around the globe and the United Nations Human Rights Commission increasingly recognize the oppressive nature of the Castro regime and have denounced its recent crackdowns. We will continue to build a strong international coalition to advance the cause of freedom inside of Cuba.

In addition to the measures I've announced today, we continue to break the information embargo that the Cuban Government has imposed on its people for a half a century. Repressive governments fear the truth, and so we're increasing the amount and expanding the distribution of printed material to Cuba, of Internet-based informa-

tion inside of Cuba, and of AM-FM and shortwave radios for Cubans.

Radio and TV Marti are bringing the message of freedom to the Cuban people. This administration fully recognizes the need to enhance the effectiveness of Radio and TV Marti. Earlier this year, we launched a new satellite service to expand our reach to Cuba. On May 20th, we staged the historic flight of Commando Solo, an airborne transmission system that broke through Castro's jamming efforts. Tyrants hate the truth. They jam messages. And on that day, I had the honor of speaking to the Cuban people in the native language.

It's only the beginning of a more robust effort to break through to the Cuban people. This country loves freedom, and we know that the enemy of every tyrant is the truth. We're determined to bring the truth to the people who suffer under Fidel Castro.

Cuba has a proud history of fighting for freedom, and that fight goes on. In all that lies ahead, the Cuban people have a constant friend in the United States of America. No tyrant can stand forever against the power of liberty, because the hope of freedom is found in every heart. So today we are confident that no matter what the dictator intends or plans, *Cuba sera pronto libre*.

*De nuevo, Cuba libre.* Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:03 a.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to former Senator Bob Dole and President Fidel Castro of Cuba. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

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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 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

**October 6**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the South Lawn, he participated in a state arrival ceremony for President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya and Mrs. Lucy Kibaki.

In the afternoon, the President met with U.S. officials returning from Iraq to discuss reconstruction efforts there. Later, he met with former Senator John Danforth, Special Envoy for Peace in the Sudan, to discuss peace efforts in that country.

In the evening, in the Cross Hall, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with President Kibaki and Mrs. Kibaki. Later, in the State Dining Room, they hosted a state dinner for President and Mrs. Kibaki.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jon Robert Purnell to be Ambassador to Uzbekistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas Riley to be Ambassador to Morocco.

The President announced his intention to designate Brian Carlton Roseboro as Acting Under Secretary of the Treasury (Domestic Finance).

**October 7**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart Ishimaru to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the U.S. Section of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission: Jose Manual de la Rosa, Lawrence Edward Kline, Tom G. Lindsey II, and Emma Torres.

**October 8**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger of California to congratulate him on his October 7 electoral victory.

Also in the afternoon, the President met with Republican Members of Congress to

discuss proposed legislation on reconstruction aid to Iraq.

The White House announced that the President will attend the APEC Leaders' Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, on October 20-21, and that he has accepted invitations from Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to visit Japan on October 17-18, from Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong to visit Singapore on October 21-22, from President Megawati Sukarnoputri to visit Indonesia on October 22, and from Prime Minister John Howard to visit Australia on October 22-23.

The President announced his appointment of Kristen Lee Silverburg as Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate April Hoxie Foley to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gary Lee Visscher to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint William O. DeWitt, Jr., as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

**October 9**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Portsmouth, NH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Cathy Rice.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Manchester, NH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Robert Perkins.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Lexington, KY.

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

**October 10**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with members of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, who presented him with the fourth annual report of the Commission.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

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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.

#### ***Released October 6***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

#### ***Released October 7***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

#### ***Released October 8***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's upcoming trip to Asia and Australia

Advance text of remarks by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations in Chicago, IL

Fact sheet: Preventing Domestic Violence

#### ***Released October 9***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Building Momentum for New Job Creation

#### ***Released October 10***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1925, H.R. 2826, and S. 570

Fact sheet: Cuba

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

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#### ***Approved October 10***

H.R. 1925 / Public Law 108-96  
Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act

H.R. 2826 / Public Law 108-97  
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1000 Avenida Sanchez Osorio in Carolina, Puerto Rico, as the "Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building"

S. 570 / Public Law 108-98  
To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools