

The President announced the nomination of Robert McFarland to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology.

The President announced the nomination of Susan Johnson Grant to be Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Energy.

The President announced the nomination of Marguerita Dianne Ragsdale to be Ambassador to Djibouti.

The President announced the nomination of Margaret Scobey to be Ambassador to Syria.

The President announced the nomination of Margaret DeBardeleben Tutwiler to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

The President announced the nomination of Drew R. McCoy to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to designate Jeffrey E. Phillips as Acting Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.

October 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger of California and then traveled with him to San Bernardino, CA.

Later in the morning, the President returned to Riverside. Later, he was joined by Mrs. Bush at March Air Reserve Base, and they then traveled to Tokyo, Japan, arriving in the afternoon of October 17.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ion Iliescu of Romania to the White House on October 28.

The President announced his intention to nominate Timothy J. Dunn for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure as Deputy Permanent Representative of the U.S. Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States.

The President announced his intention to nominate Adam Marc Lindemann to be a member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to nominate James C. Struble to be Ambassador to Peru.

October 17

In the evening, the President met with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan at Akasaka Palace. Later, also at Akasaka Palace, he and Mrs. Bush had dinner with Prime Minister Koizumi.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stuart Holliday to be Alternate Representative of the U.S. for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

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 October 14

Robert L. Crandall,
of Texas, to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years, vice Michael S. Dukakis, term expired.

Michael D. Gallagher,
of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, vice Nancy Victory, resigned.

Susan Johnson Grant,
of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, vice Bruce Marshall Carnes, resigned.

Virginia E. Hopkins,
of Alabama, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, vice Edwin L. Nelson, deceased.

Stuart Ishimaru,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2007, vice Paul M. Igasaki, term expired.

Ricardo S. Martinez,
of Washington, to be U.S. District Judge for
the Western District of Washington, vice an
additional position in accordance with 28
U.S.C. 133(b)(1).

Drew R. McCoy,
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the
Board of Trustees of the James Madison Me-
morial Fellowship Foundation for a term of
6 years, vice Lance Banning.

Robert N. McFarland,
of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Vet-
erans Affairs (Information and Technology),
vice John A. Gauss, resigned.

Jon R. Purnell,
of Massachusetts, a career member of the
Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor,
to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-
potentiary of the United States of America
to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Thomas Thomas Riley,
of California, to be Ambassador Extraor-
dinary and Plenipotentiary of the United
States of America to the Kingdom of Mo-
rocco.

Margaret Scobey,
of Tennessee, a career member of the Senior
Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,
to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-
potentiary of the United States of America
to the Syrian Arab Republic.

Louis S. Thompson,
of Maryland, to be a member of the Reform
Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years, vice
John Robert Smith, term expired.

Margaret DeBardeleben Tutwiler,
of Alabama, to be Under Secretary of State
for Public Diplomacy, vice Charlotte L.
Beers, resigned.

Gary Lee Visscher,
of Maryland, to be a member of the Chem-
ical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
for a term of 5 years, vice Isadore Rosenthal,
term expiring.

Submitted October 15

Marguerita Dianne Ragsdale,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior
Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be
Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-
potentiary of the United States of America
to the Republic of Djibouti.

Submitted October 16

Timothy John Dunn,
of Illinois, a career member of the Senior
Foreign Service, class of Counselor, for the
rank of Ambassador during his tenure of
service as Deputy Permanent Representative
of the United States of America to the Orga-
nization of American States.

Stuart W. Holliday,
of Texas, to be Alternate Representative of
the United States of America for Special Po-
litical Affairs in the United Nations, with the
rank of Ambassador.

Zalmay Khalizad,
of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraor-
dinary and Plenipotentiary of the United
States of America to the Transitional Islamic
State of Afghanistan.

Adam Marc Lindemann,
of New York, to be a member of the Advisory
Board for Cuba Broadcasting for a term ex-
piring October 27, 2005, vice Christopher D.
Coursen, term expired.

James Curtis Struble,
of California, a career member of the Senior
Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,
to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-
potentiary of the United States of America
to the Republic of Peru.

Withdrawn October 16

Thomas Thomas Riley,
of California, to be a member of the Board
of Directors of the African Development
Foundation for the remainder of the term
expiring September 22, 2005, vice Claude A.
Allen, which was sent to the Senate on Feb-
ruary 27, 2003.

Submitted October 17

James B. Comey,
of New York, to be Deputy Attorney General,
vice Larry D. Thompson, resigned.

Announcement of nomination for U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia
Excerpts of the President's roundtable interview with Asian journalists

Released October 15

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Expanding Homeownership Opportunities and Strengthening Our Economy

Released October 16

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Ion Iliescu To Visit Washington

**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 October 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice on the President's trip to Asia and Australia

Transcript of remarks by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to the Inter American Press Association on October 13

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved October 15

H.R. 2152 / Public Law 108-99
To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program