

Later in the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President signed the National Cemetery Expansion Act.

#### **November 12**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a National Security Council meeting. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Presidential Envoy to Iraq L. Paul Bremer III. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael O. Leavitt and members of Mr. Leavitt's family.

Later in the morning, the President met with NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with British print journalists and a separate interview later with Sir David Frost of the BBC. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Mrs. Bush participated in the presentation of the National Medal of Arts awards.

#### **November 13**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Orlando, FL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to express his condolences to the families of the Italians killed in the suicide bombing in Nasiriyah, Iraq, on November 12 and to discuss reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Europe-U.S. relations. Upon arrival in Orlando, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Matilda Walther.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fort Myers, FL, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Mark Asperilla.

In the evening, the President attended a Bush-Cheney reception at a private residence. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rhonda Newman Keenum to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Campbell Mulford to be Ambassador to India.

#### **November 14**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in an interview with Trevor Kavanagh of the British newspaper *The Sun*. Then, in the Oval Office, he and Mrs. Bush participated in the presentation of the National Humanities Medal awards.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi of Italy. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

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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 November 14**

David C. Mulford,  
of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to India.

Diane S. Sykes,  
of Wisconsin, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, vice John L. Coffey, retiring.

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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 November 10**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush To Award Medal of Freedom to NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2691

***Released November 11***

Transcript of an interview of National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice by KXAS-TV, Dallas, TX, on November 10

Transcript of an interview of National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice by KING-TV, Seattle, WA, on November 10

Transcript of an interview of National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice by KHOU-TV, Houston, TX, on November 10

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 52, H.R. 1516, H.R. 3365, S. 470, S. 926, H.R. 1610, H.R. 1882, H.R. 1883, H.R. 2075, H.R. 2254, H.R. 2309, H.R. 2328, H.R. 2396, H.R. 2452, H.R. 2533, H.R. 2746, and H.R. 3011

Fact sheet: In Support of America's Veterans

***Released November 12***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Announcement of the National Medal of Arts recipients

Citation for the Presidential Medal of Freedom presentation ceremony for NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson

***Released November 13***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice on the President's upcoming visit to the United Kingdom

Fact sheet: President Calls on Congress To "Finish the Job"—Pass a Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit for Seniors

***Released November 14***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of an interview of National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice by WAGA-TV, Atlanta, GA, on November 10

Transcript of an interview of National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice by WTVT-TV, Tampa, FL, on November 10

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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***Approved November 10***

H.R. 2691 / Public Law 108-108  
Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004

***Approved November 11***

H.R. 1516 / Public Law 108-109  
National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003

H.R. 1610 / Public Law 108-110  
To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Ritchie Avenue in Marceline, Missouri, as the "Walt Disney Post Office Building"

H.R. 1882 / Public Law 108-111  
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office"

H.R. 2075 / Public Law 108-112  
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building"

H.R. 2254 / Public Law 108-113  
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Colorado Street in Boulder City, Nevada, as the "Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building"

H.R. 2309 / Public Law 108-114  
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Redondo Avenue in Long Beach, California, as the "Stephen Horn Post Office Building"