

combat AIDS and malaria, rebuild Afghanistan and Iraq, provide humanitarian aid in Sudan, and assist victims of the tsunami and the recent devastating earthquake in South Asia. I thank him for his dedicated service to our country, and I wish him and his family well.

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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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#### **November 26**

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### **November 27**

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Saudi Arabia.

#### **November 28**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council.

Later in the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Representatives Timothy Murphy, Jim Marshall, and Isaac N. Skelton IV who were in a vehicular accident in Iraq on November 26.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Tucson, AZ, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Al Agellon. Later, he had a briefing on border security.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Phoenix, AZ, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer William Mitchell.

#### **November 29**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to El Paso, TX, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Dale Baugh.

Later, he took a driving tour of the Mexico-U.S. border.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Denver, CO.

In the afternoon, the President met with family members of a soldier killed in combat. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

#### **November 30**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President-elect Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf of Liberia to congratulate her on her election victory. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Annapolis, MD.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Baltimore, MD.

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

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with James R. Mueller, commander in chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to the White House on January 11, 2006.

#### **December 1**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Theodore E. Cardinal McCarrick, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a Christmas reception at the White House.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornados on November 15.

#### **December 2**

In the morning, the President had breakfast with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Later, he had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on pandemic influenza preparedness and response. Later, he received credentials from newly appointed ambassadors to the United States.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss regional issues.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a holiday reception.

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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 November 28**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Securing America Through Immigration Reform

#### **Released November 29**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

#### **Released November 30**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Global AIDS Coordinator Mark Dybul on the President's plan for emergency AIDS relief

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush To Welcome German Chancellor Merkel

Fact sheet: Training Iraqi Security Forces

#### **Released December 1**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by Council of Economic Advisers member Matthew I. Slaughter on the administration's economic forecast for the next year for construction of the budget

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 4145

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 126, H.R. 539, H.R. 606, H.R. 1972, H.R. 1973, H.R. 2062, H.R. 2183, and H.R. 3853

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Kentucky

Fact sheet: Commemorating World AIDS Day

#### **Released December 2**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan and National Economic Council Director Allan B. Hubbard

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

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#### **Approved November 30**

H.R. 2528 / Public Law 109-114

Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2006

H.R. 3058 / Public Law 109-115

Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006

#### **Approved December 1**

H.R. 4145 / Public Law 109-116

To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks and to place the statue in the United States Capitol in National Statuary Hall, and for other purposes