

**February 7**

In the morning, the President had a working breakfast with Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He and Mrs. Bush then traveled to Lithonia, GA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark to discuss the recent violence against Danish and other diplomatic facilities and the importance of religious tolerance and freedom of the press.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President had a working dinner with King Abdullah II of Jordan and Members of Congress.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia P. Brister to be the U.S. Representative on the Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sander R. Gerber as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center of Scholars (Public).

The President announced his intention to appoint Tamala Lynne Longaberger as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center of Scholars (Government Representative).

The President announced his intention to designate Peter Jon Thomas as Acting Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Administration.

The President announced his intention to designate David E. Jeremiah, Arthur B. Culvahouse, and Donald L. Evans as members of the Intelligent Oversight Board.

**February 8**

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

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he dropped by a meeting of CEOs from the Business Roundtable. Then, in the Cabinet Room, he had a meeting with Re-

publican congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities.

**February 9**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to discuss foreign policy issues and the situation in the Middle East. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had lunch with President Lech Kaczynski of Poland. Later, he participated in a meeting and photo opportunity with members of the Major Cities Chiefs Association and the Major County Sheriffs Association.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Elias Antonio Saca Gonzalez of El Salvador to the White House on February 24.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andrew B. Steinberg to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint Julianna M. Cellini as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Trung Dung and Richard J. Wall as members of the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation.

**February 10**

In the morning, the President had breakfast with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with Rebecca Garang, Minister of Transportation, Roads, and Bridges of the Government of Southern Sudan.

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

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

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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 February 6***

Armando J. Bucelo, Jr.,  
of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2008 (reappointment).

Benedict S. Cohen,  
of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, vice Steven John Morello, Sr., resigned.

Todd S. Farha,  
of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2006, vice William Robert Timken, Jr., resigned.

Todd S. Farha,  
of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2009 (reappointment).

Robert M. McDowell,  
of Virginia, to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of 5 years from July 1, 2004, vice Kathleen Q. Abernathy, resigned.

Mauricio J. Tamargo,  
of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2009 (reappointment).

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Patricia P. Brister,  
of Louisiana, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the Representative of the United States of America on the Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Sandra Segal Ikuta,  
of California, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, vice James R. Browning, retired.

Michael Brunson Wallace,  
of Mississippi, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, vice Charles W. Pickering, Sr., retired.

***Submitted February 10***

Gordon England,  
of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, vice Paul D. Wolfowitz, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Stephen Goldsmith,  
of Indiana, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2010 (reappointment), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

C. Boyden Gray,  
of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, vice Rockwell A. Schnabel, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Floyd Hall,  
of New Jersey, to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years (reappointment), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Tracy A. Henke,  
of Missouri, to be Executive Director of the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security, vice C. Suzanne Mencer, resigned, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Nadine Hogan,  
of Florida, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2008 (reappointment), to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Peter N. Kirsanow, of Ohio, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring August 27, 2008, vice Ronald E. Meisburg, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Robert D. Lenhard, of Maryland, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011, vice Danny Lee McDonald, term expired, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Ronald E. Meisburg, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of 4 years, vice Arthur F. Rosenfeld, term expired, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, vice Michael J. Garcia, resigned, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (new position), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Arthur F. Rosenfeld, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, vice Peter J. Hurtgen, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Ellen R. Sauerbrey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration), vice Arthur E. Dewey, resigned, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Victoria Clarke, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Enrique J. Sosa, of Florida, to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years (re-

appointment), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Hans von Spakovsky, of Georgia, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011, vice Bradley A. Smith, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Roger W. Wallace, of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2008 (re-appointment), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Dennis P. Walsh, of Maryland, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring December 16, 2009 (reappointment), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Steven T. Walther, of Nevada, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009, vice Scott E. Thomas, term expired, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Andrew B. Steinberg, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, vice Karan K. Bhatia.

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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 February 4***

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President and Mrs. Bush will attend the funeral of Coretta Scott King to be held on Tuesday in Atlanta

Statement by the Press Secretary on the burning of the Danish and Norwegian Embassies in Damascus, Syria