

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the inauguration of Cristina E. Fernandez de Kirchner as President of Argentina on December 10: Elaine L. Chao (head of delegation); and E. Anthony Wayne.

The President announced that he has nominated Gregory B. Jaczko to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced that he has nominated Hector E. Morales to be Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States (with the rank of Ambassador).

The President announced that he has nominated John J. Sullivan to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

#### **December 5**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Omaha, NE, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Martha Connot. He then toured OneWorld Community Health Centers.

Later in the morning, at a private residence, the President attended a Johanns for Senate reception.

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

#### **December 6**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hu Jintao of China. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with leaders of prodemocracy political parties and nongovernmental organizations from Belarus.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Umaru Yar'Adua of Nigeria to the White House on December 13.

#### **December 7**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced that he has named Charles P. Blahous as Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council.

The President announced that he has named Gordon Johndroe as Deputy Assistant to the President, Deputy Press Secretary, and National Security Council Spokesman.

The President announced that he has named John M. Herrmann II as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for International Trade, Energy, and the Environment on the National Security Council.

The President announced that he has named Sally McDonough Niemiec as Special Assistant to the President and Director of Communications and Press Secretary to the First Lady.

The President announced that he has named David Sherzer as Special Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs.

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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 December 3 \***

Jonathan Steven Adelstein, of South Dakota, to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2013 (reappointment).

Michael E. Fryzel, of Illinois, to be a member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2013, vice JoAnn Johnson, term expired.

David R. Hill, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice Jeffrey R. Holmstead, resigned.

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\* These nominations were released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 6.

Charles W. Larson, Jr.,  
of Iowa, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia.

Francis Mulvey,  
of Maryland, to be a member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2012 (reappointment).

Neil Romano,  
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, vice W. Roy Grizzard, resigned.

**Withdrawn December 3 \***

John A. Gastright,  
of South Carolina, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Coordinator for Afghanistan, Department of State, which was sent to the Senate on August 2, 2007.

**Submitted December 4**

Gregory B. Jaczko,  
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2013 (reappointment).

Hector E. Morales,  
of Texas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, vice John F. Maisto, resigned.

John J. Sullivan,  
of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, vice David A. Sampson, resigned.

**Submitted December 5**

Mark R. Filip,  
of Illinois, to be Deputy Attorney General, vice Paul J. McNulty, resigned.

**Submitted December 6**

Ricardo H. Hinojosa,  
of Texas, to be a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2013 (reappointment).

Ricardo H. Hinojosa,  
of Texas, to be Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission (reappointment).

Michael E. Horowitz,  
of Maryland, to be a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2013 (reappointment).

Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr.,  
of Missouri, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, vice Donald J. Stohr, retired.

Ed Schafer,  
of North Dakota, to be Secretary of Agriculture, vice Mike Johanns, resigned.

William E. Smith,  
of Rhode Island, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, vice Bruce M. Selya, retired.

George W. Venables,  
of California, to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of 4 years, vice Raul David Bejarano.

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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 December 3**

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley

Statement by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the National Intelligence Estimate

**Released December 5**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Transcript of a press briefing by Council on Environmental Quality Chairman James L. Connaughton and Under Secretary of State

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