

Later in the morning, the President traveled to the Four Seasons Resort in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. Later, he traveled to Sharm el-Sheikh International Airport, where he participated in a greeting with President Mubarak. He then returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

### **January 17**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., had a conference call with congressional leaders. Later, in the East Room, he met with Republican National Committee members.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nelson M. Ford to be Under Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joxel Garcia to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services (Health).

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey J. Grieco to be Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (Legislative and Public Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the National Board of Education Sciences: Jonathan Baron; Frank Philip Handy; Sally Epstein Shaywitz; and Joanne Weiss.

The President announced his intention to appoint H.H. Barlow, William DeLauder, and Keith W. Eckel as members of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert A. Easter as Chairman of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint John M. Townsend as a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.

### **January 18**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Frederick, MD. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, former Prime Minister Yevgeniy Maksimovich Primakov of Russia, and senior American and Russian statesmen and policy experts to discuss Russia-U.S. relations.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to Tbilisi, Georgia, to attend the inauguration of Mikheil Saakashvili as President of Georgia on January 20: Carlos M. Gutierrez (head of delegation); and John F. Tefft.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to Auckland, New Zealand, to attend the state funeral of Sir Edmund Hillary on January 22: Mary A. Bomar (head of delegation); William P. McCormick; and Jim Whittaker.

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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 January 12**

Transcript of a press briefing by Gen. David H. Petraeus USA, commanding general,

Multi-National Force—Iraq, and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on the death of Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand

***Released January 13***

Transcript of a background briefing by a senior administration official on the President's trip to Saudi Arabia

Fact sheet: Fostering Freedom and Justice in the Middle East

***Released January 14***

Transcript of a press briefing by Counselor to the President Edward W. Gillespie and Press Secretary Dana Perino

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

***Released January 16***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

***Released January 17***

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

***Released January 18***

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., and Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Edward P. Lazear

Statement by the Press Secretary on the resignation of Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas R. Burns

Fact sheet: Taking Action To Keep Our Economy Healthy

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.