

with Embassy staff and their families. Later, they traveled to the International Trade Fair Center, where they visited with USAID West Africa Trade Hub beneficiaries. They then toured the center and met with 30 tribal chiefs.

Later in the afternoon, they traveled to the Ghana International School. They then returned to the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the State Banquet Hall. Later, they returned to the La Palm Hotel.

February 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Monrovia, Liberia. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to discuss the results of Pakistan's February 18 parliamentary elections.

Later in the morning, upon arrival at Spriggs Payne Airport, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony with President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia. He then traveled to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he met with President Johnson Sirleaf.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Executive Mansion, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. They then participated in a gowning and investiture ceremony.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Barclay Training Center, where they met with U.S. Embassy staff and their families. Later, they traveled to the University of Liberia. They then returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

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, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding on February 5 and 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen McFarland to be Ambassador to Guatemala.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald E. Booth to be Ambassador to Zambia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gillian A. Milovanovic to be Ambassador to Mali.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy E. McEldowney to be Ambassador to Bulgaria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Scot A. Marciel to be given the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Ambassador for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint John J. Sullivan as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members on the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Naval Academy: Michael R. Hightower; Nancy L. Johnson; J. Patrick Michaels, Jr.; and Anthony Joseph Principi.

February 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

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.

Released February 16

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

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Jendayi E. Frazer

Released February 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Global AIDS Coordinator Mark R. Dybul and Press Secretary Dana Perino

Released February 18

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino and Special Assistant to the President for African Affairs Bobby J. Pittman, Jr.

Released February 19

Transcripts of press gaggles by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Fact sheet: United States Leading the Global Response to Crisis in Darfur

Fact sheet: United States-Rwanda Bilateral Investment Treaty

Released February 20

Fact sheet: Fighting Neglected Tropical Diseases Around the World

Released February 21

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Kentucky

Released February 22

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Scott M. Stanzel

**Acts Approved
by the President**

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