

**April 28**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with American Legion national commander Martin F. Conaster.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will travel to Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt from May 13–18.

**April 29**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric J. Boswell to be Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security) and Director of the Office of Foreign Missions with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia McMahon Hawkins to be Ambassador to Togo.

The President announced his intention to designate William W. Park as a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.

**April 30**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the 2008 National and State Teachers of the Year.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland. Later, he traveled to Fairfax, VA, arriving in the evening.

Later in the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a National Republican Congressional Committee reception. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

**May 1**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Martin Torrijos Espino of Panama to the White House on May 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Liliana Ayalde to be Ambassador to Paraguay.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tatiana C. Gfoeller-Volkoff to be Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sean Joseph Stackley to be Assistant Secretary for the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition.

The President announced his intention to appoint Martin J. Dannenfelser, Jr., as Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The President announced his intention to designate Gregory G. Katsas as Acting Assistant Attorney General (Civil Division) at the Department of Justice.

**May 2**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to St. Louis, MO, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Jerron Johnson. He then travelled to Maryland Heights, MO, where he toured World Wide Technology, Inc.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

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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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**Withdrawn April 28**

George A. Krol, of New Jersey, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Turkmenistan, which was sent to the Senate on June 27, 2007.

**Submitted April 29**

Eric J. Boswell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security), vice Richard J. Griffin, resigned.

Eric J. Boswell,  
of the District of Columbia, to be Director  
of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to  
have the rank of Ambassador during his ten-  
ure of service, vice Richard J. Griffin, re-  
signed.

Paul G. Gardephe,  
of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for  
the Southern District of New York, vice  
Charles L. Briant, retired.

Patricia McMahon Hawkins,  
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior  
Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-  
potentiary of the United States of America  
to the Togolese Republic.

Clark Waddoups,  
of Utah, to be U.S. District Judge for the  
District of Utah, vice Paul G. Cassell, re-  
signed.

**Submitted April 30**

Michael M. Anello,  
of California, to be U.S. District Judge for  
the Southern District of California, vice Na-  
poleon A. Jones, retired.

**Submitted May 1**

Liliana Ayalde,  
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior  
Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,  
to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-  
potentiary of the United States of America  
to the Republic of Paraguay.

Tatiana C. Gfoeller-Volkoff,  
of the District of Columbia, a career member  
of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Coun-  
selor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary of the United States of  
America to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Steven C. Preston,  
of Illinois, to be Secretary of Housing and  
Urban Development, vice Alphonso R. Jack-  
son, resigned.

Sean Joseph Stackley,  
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of  
the Navy, vice Delores M. Etter, resigned.

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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 April 28**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on the  
President and Mrs. Bush's upcoming visit to  
Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing  
that the President signed S. 793

**Released April 29**

Fact sheet: 2008 National Volunteer Week

**Released April 30**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing  
that the President signed H.R. 1119

**Released May 1**

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy  
Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Transcript of a press briefing by Office of  
Management and Budget Deputy Director  
Stephen S. McMillin, Council of Economic  
Advisers Chairman Edward P. Lazear, and  
Deputy National Security Adviser for Inter-  
national Economic Affairs Daniel M. Price  
on food aid

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by  
President Martin Torrijos of the Republic of  
Panama

Fact sheet: Leading the Fight Against Hun-  
ger

Fact sheet: Advancing Freedom and Democ-  
racy Around the World

**Released May 2**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press  
Secretary Tony Fratto

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary an-  
nouncing that the President signed S. 2954