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REPORT TO THE CABINET
FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING WITH MAY 8, 2006

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

President's Radio Address (May 6, 2006)

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President Bush Delivers Commencement Address at Oklahoma State University (May 6, 2006)

Thank you all very much. President Schmidly, thank you. Members of the Oklahoma State faculty and administration; Governor; people in the Statehouse; members of the United States Congress; distinguished guests; parents, friends, family, and most important, the Class of 2006, thanks for the warm welcome to this great state, and to this fine campus. I'm honored to be here. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Nominates General Michael Hayden as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (May 8, 2006)

Good morning. Today I'm pleased to nominate General Mike Hayden as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mike Hayden is supremely qualified for this position. I've come to know him well as our nation's first Deputy Director of National Intelligence. In that position, he's worked closely with our Director of National Intelligence, John Negroponte, to reform America's intelligence capabilities to meet the threats of a new century. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Discusses Peace Agreement in Sudan (May 8, 2006)

I want to thank Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for joining me, and I also want to thank Deputy Secretary of State Bob Zoellick. He has just briefed me on his trip to Abuja, where he has played a very important role in setting up a peace agreement between the government of Sudan and a major rebel group in the Darfur region. Congratulations on a job well done, Bob. Thank you. Last week we saw the beginnings of hope for the people of Darfur. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Governor Bush Visit Fire Station in Florida (May 9, 2006)

Jeb and I just were briefed by the firefighters here about the dry conditions that are creating hazards for the people, and Kelley, I appreciate your briefing. He was in charge of putting out that fire yesterday that consumed 450 acres. They think it was caused by a spark out of one of the

utility lines. I've always been impressed by those who are willing to get out and fight the fires, and save lives and save property. I'm surrounded by people who made a career out of that. And I want to thank them for their dedication to service, I want to thank them for the briefing about the threat we find ourselves in, we've got dry and windy conditions. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (May 9, 2006)

What I thought I would do is spend a little time talking about the new Medicare program. The reason I'm doing this, because I want people to sign up. And then I'll answer some questions if you have some. And then I'm going to go to Orlando and do the same thing tomorrow morning -- just like I did earlier in South Florida. And the reason why I'm doing this is because we have changed Medicare for the better, but sometimes change creates anxieties. In other words, people say, well, maybe I don't want to change. I kind of like it the way things are, but we have a duty to educate people and give them a chance to see what's available. And that's what I'm doing. That's what you want your President to do. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt Make Remarks to the Travel Pool (May 9, 2006)

I want to thank you all for joining us. I'm proud to be here with Secretary Leavitt. We're traveling the country reminding people that there's a fantastic opportunity for our seniors, and that is Medicare now offers a prescription drug benefit that will save people a lot of money. We just visited with some of our citizens inside there, and they're talking about significant savings. And that's what we want, we want our seniors to be able to have modern medicine. So far a lot of seniors have signed up. It's coming down the stretch toward the May 15th deadline; we want everybody to sign up. We want people to understand that they're going to save a lot of money when it comes to prescription drugs. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Victims of Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

Identity theft is a serious problem in America. I have just listened to the horror stories from fellow citizens who have had their identities stolen. I listened to their ideas about how the federal government can help in the response in not only dealing with those who commit the crime, but helping those who have been victimized. And I want to thank you all for joining us. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Participates in Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit in Florida (May 10, 2006)

I'm here to talk about Medicare. We've got an exciting program and an exciting opportunity for people to improve their lives. So this is an educational forum. This is a chance not only to speak to the folks here, but to those who may be watching on TV about a really interesting opportunity for the seniors all around our country to really improve their lives by signing up for a new opportunity in Medicare. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses NSA Surveillance Program (May 11, 2006)

After September the 11th, I vowed to the American people that our government would do everything within the law to protect them against another terrorist attack. As part of this effort, I authorized the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations. In other words, if al Qaeda or their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they're saying. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Commencement Address (May 11, 2006)

Thanks for the warm welcome. This afternoon, we celebrate commencement in a stadium that is still under repair, near streets lined with temporary housing, in a region where too many lives have been shattered, and there has never been a more hopeful day to graduate in the state of Mississippi. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Former Secretaries of State and Former Secretaries of Defense (May 12, 2006)

I've just completed a second meeting with former Secretaries of State and former Secretaries of Defense on Iraq. We also discussed the broader Middle East, as well. I want to thank you all very much for sharing your thoughts not only with me, but with the Vice President and Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. It really means a lot to hear your thoughts and your concerns and your suggestions about the way forward in Iraq. We've had our disagreements in this country about whether or not we should be there in the first place. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Remarks by the President at Celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (May 12, 2006)

Welcome to the White House. I like to call it the People's House. I'm glad you could join us today to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is the month we recognize the many accomplishments of Americans who trace their origins to the Asian Pacific region, and we honor the contributions they make to our great land. Across our country, Asian Pacific Americans are making their mark in all walks of life, including business and law and politics and education, community service, the arts, and science. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS

President Disappointed in Senate Failure to Pass Real Medical Liability Reform (May 8, 2006)

I am disappointed that the Senate has yet again failed to pass real medical liability reform legislation. Unwilling to take on their trial lawyer supporters, the Democrats led this effort to block these much-needed reforms. Junk lawsuits are driving too many good doctors out of medicine. Women in nearly 1,500 counties are without a single OB-GYN, and frivolous and abusive lawsuits are encouraging the use of defensive medicine, which imposes substantial and unnecessary costs on all Americans. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. I have called on Congress to pass responsible medical liability reforms, and the House of Representatives has acted. It is time for the Senate to put the needs of the American people ahead of the interests of trial lawyers and pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

President Urges Senate to Pass Tax Cut Legislation (May 10, 2006)

The tax cuts we passed in recent years are working to fuel America's economic expansion. Our pro-growth policies have helped the economy create more than 5.2 million jobs since August of 2003, and last year our economy grew faster than that of any other major industrialized nation. By extending key Capital Gains and Dividends tax relief, the House has taken an important step to continue to help hard-working Americans and to keep our economy strong and growing. I appreciate the House Leadership and Chairman Bill Thomas for their hard work. I urge the Senate to vote swiftly so that I can sign this bill into law and put a stop to a massive tax hike that would be disastrous for small businesses, our economy, and all working Americans.

President Applauds Senate for Passing Tax Relief Legislation (May 11, 2006)

I applaud the Senate for passing important tax relief that will help keep our economy strong and growing. This legislation prevents an enormous tax hike that the American people do not want and would not welcome. The bill will extend policies that have helped our economy flourish. We have had 18 straight quarters of growth, including 4.8 percent growth in the last quarter, and the unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. I appreciate the Senate Leadership and Chairman Grassley for their hard work on behalf of American taxpayers and small businesses, and I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

President and Mrs. Bush Saddened by Death of Sonny Montgomery (May 12, 2006)

Laura and I and the entire Bush family are saddened by the death of a good friend and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean War, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (May 8, 2006)

Certain Programs to Build the Capacity of Foreign Military Forces and Related Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code and section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109 163), I direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct or support, within available appropriations, programs that comply with section 1206 for the following countries: Algeria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Yemen. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security (May 8, 2006)

Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429) are assigned to the Secretary of State. In the performance of such functions, the Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan. By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Continuation of the National Emergency Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Export of Certain Goods to Syria (May 8, 2006)

On May 11, 2004, pursuant to my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701- 1706) and the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), I issued Executive Order 13338 in which I declared a national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation or reexportation of certain goods to Syria. On April 25, 2006, I issued Executive Order 13399 to expand the scope of this national emergency. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Message to the Congress of the United States (May 8, 2006)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL FACT SHEETS

General Michael V. Hayden: The Right Leader for the CIA (May 8, 2006)

Key Reasons General Hayden Is The Right Pick: General Hayden Is One Of The Most Qualified Candidates Ever To Be Nominated To Head The CIA. After More Than 20 Years Of Experience In The Intelligence Business, General Hayden Has Extensive Experience As Both A Provider And Customer Of Intelligence. General Hayden Has Broad And Deep Experience In Human And Technical Intelligence. He has served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency, and Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center these positions required a comprehensive understanding of intelligence collection and analysis. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Brett M. Kavanaugh: Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (May 8, 2006)

Throughout His Career, Brett M. Kavanaugh Has Demonstrated Legal Excellence And The Fair-Minded Temperament To Serve As A Federal Appellate Judge. Kavanaugh has an extraordinary range of experience in the public and private sectors. He has dedicated the majority of his 16 years of practice to public service as an appellate lawyer, a government lawyer, and an Assistant to the President. Brett M. Kavanaugh Is Superbly Qualified For The D.C. Circuit. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Darfur Agreement: A Step Toward Peace (May 8, 2006)

Last Friday, The Government Of Sudan And The Largest Darfur Rebel Group Signed An Agreement And Took A Step Toward Peace. We are still far from our ultimate goal of returning millions of displaced people to their homes so they can have a life without fear, but we can now see a way forward. The President is particularly grateful for the leadership of President Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (May 9, 2006)

Today, President Bush Discussed How Signing Up For The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program Can Help Beneficiaries Save Money And Get The Drugs They Need. When President Bush came into office, Medicare was outdated and not meeting the needs of America's seniors. The Congress passed, and the President signed into law, legislation to modernize Medicare by providing preventive care, offering seniors more choices, and giving seniors better access to the prescription drugs they need. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

General Michael V. Hayden: Extremely Well Qualified to Lead the CIA (May 10, 2006)

General Hayden Has Served At The Highest Levels Of The Intel Community. General Hayden served as Director of the National Security Agency for six years before assuming the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served in the intelligence community for more than 20 years and brings vast experience in technical and human source collection, intelligence analysis, and policy support, including overseas postings in Europe and Asia. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The President's Identity Theft Task Force (May 10, 2006)

Today, President Bush Signed An Executive Order Creating The Nation's First Ever "Identity Theft Task Force." This task force will marshal the resources of the Federal government to crack down on the criminals who traffic in stolen identities and protect American families from this devastating crime. The Identity Theft Task Force Is An Important Step Forward In The Fight Against Identity Theft. The President's Identity Theft Task Force Reinforces And Intensifies The Administration's Commitment To Deal With Identity Theft. This task force, chaired by the Attorney General and the FTC Chair, strengthens our efforts to protect the financial information of our citizens. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The ABA Finds Brett Kavanaugh Is "Indeed Qualified to Serve on the Federal Bench" (May 8, 2006)

"In 42 votes cast in the three ABA reviews, all 42 found Mr. Kavanaugh to be well qualified or qualified to serve on the DC Circuit. The ABA itself says that even the lowest of the three ratings is, in its words, 'a very high standard.'" White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, May 8, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

USA Today's Misleading Medicare Story (May 9, 2006)

Millions Of Minorities Are Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. USA Today Claims "Poor, Often Minority" Medicare Beneficiaries Are Not Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. "While millions of seniors and people with disabilities are signing up and saving money, the program is being used least by those who could benefit most: poor, often minority Medicare beneficiaries" (Richard Wolf, "Those Most In Need May Miss Drug Benefit Sign-up," USA Today, 5/9/06). But By April, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible African Americans, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible Hispanics, And More Than 75 Percent Of Eligible Asian Americans Are Enrolled Or Have Retiree Drug Coverage. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The New York Times Continues to Ignore America's Economic Progress (May 10, 2006)

The New York Times Says "Fixed Costs, Like Housing, Health Care And Gasoline" Are "Rapidly Outpacing" Paychecks And Benefits. (Editorial, "Barely Staying Afloat," The New York Times, 5/10/06) But Average Hourly Earnings Have Risen 3.8 Percent Over The Past 12 Months, Their Largest Increase In Nearly Five Years. Hourly compensation rose at a 5.7 percent rate in the first quarter. Personal income rose 0.5 percent in March. Real After-Tax Income Has Risen By 13.8 Percent Since January 2001. Real after-tax income has risen by \$2,398 (8.2 percent) per person since January 2001. Securities Prices Show The Market Believes That Inflation Is Expected To Remain In Check. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

CBS News' Misleading Medicare Report (May 10, 2006)

CBS News Misleadingly Reports That Only 8 Million Seniors Have Signed Up For Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Jim Axelrod: "Hoping to nail down at least one clear success story for Republicans to run on this fall, Mr. Bush wants to add another million seniors to the 8 million already signed up." (CBS' "Evening News," 5/9/06) But 37 Million Seniors Have Coverage. Of the more than 42 million people eligible for Medicare, more than 31 million people with Medicare now have Part D-related prescription drug coverage and hundreds of thousands more are enrolling now. Nearly 6 million more eligible beneficiaries have an alternative source of coverage (i.e., they are covered by VA, Indian Health, or they are still working). [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush's Tax Relief Benefits All Taxpayers (May 11, 2006)

Washington Post Editorial Headline: "The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget." "Budgetary dishonesty, distributional unfairness, fiscal irresponsibility - by now the words are so familiar, it can be hard to appreciate how damaging this fiscal course will be. ... This Congress and administration are putting the nation deeper and deeper in debt to benefit a sliver of the population that doesn't need the help." (Editorial, "Tax Cuts, Again; The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget," The Washington Post, 5/11/06) But According To A News Headline In The Same Day's Washington Post: "Voting On Party Lines, Lawmakers Extend Benefits To Middle Class." [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

AP's Misleading Military Recruiting Article (May 11, 2006)

The Associated Press: "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals." (Lolita C. Baldor, "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals," The Associated Press, 5/10/06) But The Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, And Marine Corps Reserve All Have Exceeded Or Achieved Their Year-To-Date Recruitment Goals. The Army National Guard Has Recruited 103 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Air Force Reserve Has Recruited 105 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Marine Corps Reserve Has Recruited 100 Percent Of Its

Year-To-Date Goal. (Department Of Defense, "DoD Announces Recruiting And Retention Numbers For April," Press Release, 5/10/06) [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2006 (May 11, 2006)

Every day, our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow Americans safe. As we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives protecting us, and we honor all those who wear the badge and keep the peace. The law enforcement officers of today carry on the long and proud tradition of service built by their predecessors. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Strengthening Federal Efforts to Protect Against Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to strengthen efforts to protect against identity theft, it is hereby ordered as follows: Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to use Federal resources effectively to deter, prevent, detect, investigate, proceed against, and prosecute unlawful use by persons of the identifying information of other persons, including through: (a) increased aggressive law enforcement actions designed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute identity theft crimes, recover the proceeds of such crimes, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate identity theft. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bush to Welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House (May 8, 2006)

President Bush will welcome Australian Prime Minister John Howard to the White House on May 16, 2006. President Bush looks forward to reviewing with Prime Minister Howard the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. The President will also consult with the Prime Minister on critical regional and global issues. Australia stands as one of America's closest allies and partners, and continues to work with the United States toward the common goals of promoting peace, freedom, and prosperity through fighting terrorism, stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoting an open international economic order.

President Announces Governor Bush to Lead Delegation to Inauguration in Haiti (May 8, 2006)

President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to attend the Inauguration of His Excellency Ren Garc a Pr val, President of the Republic of Haiti on May 14, 2006. The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, will lead the delegation. Members of the Presidential Delegation are: the Honorable Janet Ann Sanderson, United States Ambassador to Haiti, and the Honorable M. Rony Francois, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

This week, the President announced his intention to nominate, designate, or appoint the following individuals to serve in his Administration:

Nominate **Thomas D. Anderson**, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice Peter W. Hall, resigned.

Nominate **Gayleatha Beatrice Brown**, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Nominate **Victoria Ray Carlson**, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Chad Colley**, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Peter R. Coneway**, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Nominate **Neil M. Gorsuch**, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice David M. Ebel, retired.

Nominate **General Michael V. Hayden**, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Porter J. Goss, resigned.

Nominate **Troy R. Justesen**, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, vice Susan K. Sclafani.

Nominate **Lisa Mattheiss**, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Christina B. Rocca**, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Nominate **Eric Solomon**, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

Nominate **W. Stuart Symington, IV**, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Nominate **William H. Tobey**, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Paul Morgan Longworth, resigned.

Nominate **John R. Vaughn**, of Florida, and upon confirmation designate Chairman, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Ellen C. Williams**, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, for the remainder of a nine-year term expiring December 8, 2007.

Appoint **Linda Leuchter Addison**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Martin Berson Gold**, of the District of Columbia (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring July 13, 2008.

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Appoint **Sean M. Healey**, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the President's Export Council.

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What I thought I would do is spend a little time talking about the new Medicare program. The reason I'm doing this, because I want people to sign up. And then I'll answer some questions if you have some. And then I'm going to go to Orlando and do the same thing tomorrow morning -- just like I did earlier in South Florida. And the reason why I'm doing this is because we have changed Medicare for the better, but sometimes change creates anxieties. In other words, people say, well, maybe I don't want to change. I kind of like it the way things are, but we have a duty to educate people and give them a chance to see what's available. And that's what I'm doing. That's what you want your President to do. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt Make Remarks to the Travel Pool (May 9, 2006)

I want to thank you all for joining us. I'm proud to be here with Secretary Leavitt. We're traveling the country reminding people that there's a fantastic opportunity for our seniors, and that is Medicare now offers a prescription drug benefit that will save people a lot of money. We just visited with some of our citizens inside there, and they're talking about significant savings. And that's what we want, we want our seniors to be able to have modern medicine. So far a lot of seniors have signed up. It's coming down the stretch toward the May 15th deadline; we want everybody to sign up. We want people to understand that they're going to save a lot of money when it comes to prescription drugs. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Victims of Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

Identity theft is a serious problem in America. I have just listened to the horror stories from fellow citizens who have had their identities stolen. I listened to their ideas about how the federal government can help in the response in not only dealing with those who commit the crime, but helping those who have been victimized. And I want to thank you all for joining us. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Participates in Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit in Florida (May 10, 2006)

I'm here to talk about Medicare. We've got an exciting program and an exciting opportunity for people to improve their lives. So this is an educational forum. This is a chance not only to speak to the folks here, but to those who may be watching on TV about a really interesting opportunity for the seniors all around our country to really improve their lives by signing up for a new opportunity in Medicare. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses NSA Surveillance Program (May 11, 2006)

After September the 11th, I vowed to the American people that our government would do everything within the law to protect them against another terrorist attack. As part of this effort, I authorized the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations. In other words, if al Qaeda or their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they're saying. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Commencement Address (May 11, 2006)

Thanks for the warm welcome. This afternoon, we celebrate commencement in a stadium that is still under repair, near streets lined with temporary housing, in a region where too many lives have been shattered, and there has never been a more hopeful day to graduate in the state of Mississippi. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Former Secretaries of State and Former Secretaries of Defense (May 12, 2006)

I've just completed a second meeting with former Secretaries of State and former Secretaries of Defense on Iraq. We also discussed the broader Middle East, as well. I want to thank you all very much for sharing your thoughts not only with me, but with the Vice President and Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. It really means a lot to hear your thoughts and your concerns and your suggestions about the way forward in Iraq. We've had our disagreements in this country about whether or not we should be there in the first place. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Remarks by the President at Celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (May 12, 2006)

Welcome to the White House. I like to call it the People's House. I'm glad you could join us today to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is the month we recognize the many accomplishments of Americans who trace their origins to the Asian Pacific region, and we honor the contributions they make to our great land. Across our country, Asian Pacific Americans are making their mark in all walks of life, including business and law and politics and education, community service, the arts, and science. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS

President Disappointed in Senate Failure to Pass Real Medical Liability Reform (May 8, 2006)

I am disappointed that the Senate has yet again failed to pass real medical liability reform legislation. Unwilling to take on their trial lawyer supporters, the Democrats led this effort to block these much-needed reforms. Junk lawsuits are driving too many good doctors out of medicine. Women in nearly 1,500 counties are without a single OB-GYN, and frivolous and abusive lawsuits are encouraging the use of defensive medicine, which imposes substantial and unnecessary costs on all Americans. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. I have called on Congress to pass responsible medical liability reforms, and the House of Representatives has acted. It is time for the Senate to put the needs of the American people ahead of the interests of trial lawyers and pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

President Urges Senate to Pass Tax Cut Legislation (May 10, 2006)

The tax cuts we passed in recent years are working to fuel America's economic expansion. Our pro-growth policies have helped the economy create more than 5.2 million jobs since August of 2003, and last year our economy grew faster than that of any other major industrialized nation. By extending key Capital Gains and Dividends tax relief, the House has taken an important step to continue to help hard-working Americans and to keep our economy strong and growing. I appreciate the House Leadership and Chairman Bill Thomas for their hard work. I urge the Senate to vote swiftly so that I can sign this bill into law and put a stop to a massive tax hike that would be disastrous for small businesses, our economy, and all working Americans.

President Applauds Senate for Passing Tax Relief Legislation (May 11, 2006)

I applaud the Senate for passing important tax relief that will help keep our economy strong and growing. This legislation prevents an enormous tax hike that the American people do not want and would not welcome. The bill will extend policies that have helped our economy flourish. We have had 18 straight quarters of growth, including 4.8 percent growth in the last quarter, and the unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. I appreciate the Senate Leadership and Chairman Grassley for their hard work on behalf of American taxpayers and small businesses, and I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

President and Mrs. Bush Saddened by Death of Sonny Montgomery (May 12, 2006)

Laura and I and the entire Bush family are saddened by the death of a good friend and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean War, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (May 8, 2006)

Certain Programs to Build the Capacity of Foreign Military Forces and Related Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code and section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109 163), I direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct or support, within available appropriations, programs that comply with section 1206 for the following countries: Algeria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Yemen. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security (May 8, 2006)

Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429) are assigned to the Secretary of State. In the performance of such functions, the Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan. By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Continuation of the National Emergency Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Export of Certain Goods to Syria (May 8, 2006)

On May 11, 2004, pursuant to my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701- 1706) and the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), I issued Executive Order 13338 in which I declared a national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation or reexportation of certain goods to Syria. On April 25, 2006, I issued Executive Order 13399 to expand the scope of this national emergency. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Message to the Congress of the United States (May 8, 2006)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL FACT SHEETS

General Michael V. Hayden: The Right Leader for the CIA (May 8, 2006)

Key Reasons General Hayden Is The Right Pick: General Hayden Is One Of The Most Qualified Candidates Ever To Be Nominated To Head The CIA. After More Than 20 Years Of Experience In The Intelligence Business, General Hayden Has Extensive Experience As Both A Provider And Customer Of Intelligence. General Hayden Has Broad And Deep Experience In Human And Technical Intelligence. He has served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency, and Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center these positions required a comprehensive understanding of intelligence collection and analysis. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Brett M. Kavanaugh: Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (May 8, 2006)

Throughout His Career, Brett M. Kavanaugh Has Demonstrated Legal Excellence And The Fair-Minded Temperament To Serve As A Federal Appellate Judge. Kavanaugh has an extraordinary range of experience in the public and private sectors. He has dedicated the majority of his 16 years of practice to public service as an appellate lawyer, a government lawyer, and an Assistant to the President. Brett M. Kavanaugh Is Superbly Qualified For The D.C. Circuit. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Darfur Agreement: A Step Toward Peace (May 8, 2006)

Last Friday, The Government Of Sudan And The Largest Darfur Rebel Group Signed An Agreement And Took A Step Toward Peace. We are still far from our ultimate goal of returning millions of displaced people to their homes so they can have a life without fear, but we can now see a way forward. The President is particularly grateful for the leadership of President Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (May 9, 2006)

Today, President Bush Discussed How Signing Up For The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program Can Help Beneficiaries Save Money And Get The Drugs They Need. When President Bush came into office, Medicare was outdated and not meeting the needs of America's seniors. The Congress passed, and the President signed into law, legislation to modernize Medicare by providing preventive care, offering seniors more choices, and giving seniors better access to the prescription drugs they need. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

General Michael V. Hayden: Extremely Well Qualified to Lead the CIA (May 10, 2006)

General Hayden Has Served At The Highest Levels Of The Intel Community. General Hayden served as Director of the National Security Agency for six years before assuming the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served in the intelligence community for more than 20 years and brings vast experience in technical and human source collection, intelligence analysis, and policy support, including overseas postings in Europe and Asia. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The President's Identity Theft Task Force (May 10, 2006)

Today, President Bush Signed An Executive Order Creating The Nation's First Ever "Identity Theft Task Force." This task force will marshal the resources of the Federal government to crack down on the criminals who traffic in stolen identities and protect American families from this devastating crime. The Identity Theft Task Force Is An Important Step Forward In The Fight Against Identity Theft. The President's Identity Theft Task Force Reinforces And Intensifies The Administration's Commitment To Deal With Identity Theft. This task force, chaired by the Attorney General and the FTC Chair, strengthens our efforts to protect the financial information of our citizens. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The ABA Finds Brett Kavanaugh Is "Indeed Qualified to Serve on the Federal Bench" (May 8, 2006)

"In 42 votes cast in the three ABA reviews, all 42 found Mr. Kavanaugh to be well qualified or qualified to serve on the DC Circuit. The ABA itself says that even the lowest of the three ratings is, in its words, 'a very high standard.'" White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, May 8, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

USA Today's Misleading Medicare Story (May 9, 2006)

Millions Of Minorities Are Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. USA Today Claims "Poor, Often Minority" Medicare Beneficiaries Are Not Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. "While millions of seniors and people with disabilities are signing up and saving money, the program is being used least by those who could benefit most: poor, often minority Medicare beneficiaries" (Richard Wolf, "Those Most In Need May Miss Drug Benefit Sign-up," USA Today, 5/9/06). But By April, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible African Americans, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible Hispanics, And More Than 75 Percent Of Eligible Asian Americans Are Enrolled Or Have Retiree Drug Coverage. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The New York Times Continues to Ignore America's Economic Progress (May 10, 2006)

The New York Times Says "Fixed Costs, Like Housing, Health Care And Gasoline" Are "Rapidly Outpacing" Paychecks And Benefits. (Editorial, "Barely Staying Afloat," The New York Times, 5/10/06) But Average Hourly Earnings Have Risen 3.8 Percent Over The Past 12 Months, Their Largest Increase In Nearly Five Years. Hourly compensation rose at a 5.7 percent rate in the first quarter. Personal income rose 0.5 percent in March. Real After-Tax Income Has Risen By 13.8 Percent Since January 2001. Real after-tax income has risen by \$2,398 (8.2 percent) per person since January 2001. Securities Prices Show The Market Believes That Inflation Is Expected To Remain In Check. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

CBS News' Misleading Medicare Report (May 10, 2006)

CBS News Misleadingly Reports That Only 8 Million Seniors Have Signed Up For Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Jim Axelrod: "Hoping to nail down at least one clear success story for Republicans to run on this fall, Mr. Bush wants to add another million seniors to the 8 million already signed up." (CBS' "Evening News," 5/9/06) But 37 Million Seniors Have Coverage. Of the more than 42 million people eligible for Medicare, more than 31 million people with Medicare now have Part D-related prescription drug coverage and hundreds of thousands more are enrolling now. Nearly 6 million more eligible beneficiaries have an alternative source of coverage (i.e., they are covered by VA, Indian Health, or they are still working). [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush's Tax Relief Benefits All Taxpayers (May 11, 2006)

Washington Post Editorial Headline: "The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget." "Budgetary dishonesty, distributional unfairness, fiscal irresponsibility - by now the words are so familiar, it can be hard to appreciate how damaging this fiscal course will be. ... This Congress and administration are putting the nation deeper and deeper in debt to benefit a sliver of the population that doesn't need the help." (Editorial, "Tax Cuts, Again; The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget," The Washington Post, 5/11/06) But According To A News Headline In The Same Day's Washington Post: "Voting On Party Lines, Lawmakers Extend Benefits To Middle Class." [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

AP's Misleading Military Recruiting Article (May 11, 2006)

The Associated Press: "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals." (Lolita C. Baldor, "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals," The Associated Press, 5/10/06) But The Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, And Marine Corps Reserve All Have Exceeded Or Achieved Their Year-To-Date Recruitment Goals. The Army National Guard Has Recruited 103 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Air Force Reserve Has Recruited 105 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Marine Corps Reserve Has Recruited 100 Percent Of Its

Year-To-Date Goal. (Department Of Defense, "DoD Announces Recruiting And Retention Numbers For April," Press Release, 5/10/06) [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2006 (May 11, 2006)

Every day, our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow Americans safe. As we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives protecting us, and we honor all those who wear the badge and keep the peace. The law enforcement officers of today carry on the long and proud tradition of service built by their predecessors. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Strengthening Federal Efforts to Protect Against Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to strengthen efforts to protect against identity theft, it is hereby ordered as follows: Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to use Federal resources effectively to deter, prevent, detect, investigate, proceed against, and prosecute unlawful use by persons of the identifying information of other persons, including through: (a) increased aggressive law enforcement actions designed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute identity theft crimes, recover the proceeds of such crimes, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate identity theft. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bush to Welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House (May 8, 2006)

President Bush will welcome Australian Prime Minister John Howard to the White House on May 16, 2006. President Bush looks forward to reviewing with Prime Minister Howard the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. The President will also consult with the Prime Minister on critical regional and global issues. Australia stands as one of America's closest allies and partners, and continues to work with the United States toward the common goals of promoting peace, freedom, and prosperity through fighting terrorism, stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoting an open international economic order.

President Announces Governor Bush to Lead Delegation to Inauguration in Haiti (May 8, 2006)

President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to attend the Inauguration of His Excellency Ren Garc a Pr val, President of the Republic of Haiti on May 14, 2006. The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, will lead the delegation. Members of the Presidential Delegation are: the Honorable Janet Ann Sanderson, United States Ambassador to Haiti, and the Honorable M. Rony Francois, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

This week, the President announced his intention to nominate, designate, or appoint the following individuals to serve in his Administration:

Nominate **Thomas D. Anderson**, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice Peter W. Hall, resigned.

Nominate **Gayleatha Beatrice Brown**, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Nominate **Victoria Ray Carlson**, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Chad Colley**, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Peter R. Coneway**, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Nominate **Neil M. Gorsuch**, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice David M. Ebel, retired.

Nominate **General Michael V. Hayden**, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Porter J. Goss, resigned.

Nominate **Troy R. Justesen**, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, vice Susan K. Sclafani.

Nominate **Lisa Mattheiss**, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Christina B. Rocca**, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Nominate **Eric Solomon**, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

Nominate **W. Stuart Symington, IV**, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Nominate **William H. Tobey**, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Paul Morgan Longworth, resigned.

Nominate **John R. Vaughn**, of Florida, and upon confirmation designate Chairman, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Ellen C. Williams**, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, for the remainder of a nine-year term expiring December 8, 2007.

Appoint **Linda Leuchter Addison**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Martin Berson Gold**, of the District of Columbia (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring July 13, 2008.

Appoint **Ronald H. Bloom**, of California, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **David A. Burke**, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Robert A. Gleason, Jr.**, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Mordechai E. Gbioff**, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Sean M. Healey**, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the President's Export Council.

Appoint **Arthur E. Johnson**, of Virginia, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

Appoint **Richard R. Kilgust**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Andrew M. Klein**, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Harley Lippman**, of New York (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring August 9, 2007.

Appoint **Walter B. McCormick, Jr.**, of Missouri, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

Appoint **J. Bryan Pickens**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Harvey W. Schiller**, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Linda O. Shaw**, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Elizabeth May Stern**, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Robert Zarnegin**, of California, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

CABINET HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Location	Audience/Event	Topic/Activity
U.S. Department of Commerce - Secretary Carlos Gutierrez			
15-May	Philadelphia, PA	Naturalization Ceremony; Political Event with Representative Curt Weldon (R-PA); Participate in a Small Business Tour and Roundtable	Remarks on Immigration; Remarks on the Economy and Jobs; Tour and Roundtable
17-May	Washington, D.C.	Team 100 Breakfast	Remarks on the Economy and the President's Initiatives
18-May	Washington, D.C.	Sperling Breakfast	Remarks on the Economy and the President's Initiatives
19-May	Washington, D.C.	Georgetown University McDonough School of Business MBA Awards and Diploma Ceremony	Remarks on the Economy
U.S. Department of Education - Secretary Margaret Spellings			
15-May	Washington, D.C.	First National Summit on the Advancement of Girls in Math and Science	Host the Summit and Remarks
17-May	Rockville, MD	Montgomery College Graduation Ceremony	Commencement Address
19-21 May	Islamabad, Pakistan	U.S./Pakistan Dialogue on Education	Follow-Up on the President's Trip and Announcement of Key Areas of Cooperation Between the U.S. and Pakistan Including Education
U.S. Department of Energy - Secretary Samuel W. Bodman			
17-May	Washington, D.C.	Republican National Committee Advisory Board & President's Club Luncheon	Remarks
19-May	Port Arthur, TX	Visit Motiva Refinery; Media Availability	Highlight Refinery Expansion Plans and the President's Four Point Plan

19-May	El Paso, TX	Meeting with El Paso del Norte (Group of Business Leaders that Focus on Business Development and Infrastructure on the Border)	Remarks on the President's Security and Prosperity Partnership, Advanced Energy Initiative, and Other Regional Issues
19-May	Amarillo, TX	Visit the DOE Pantex Facility; Meeting with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and Business Leaders	Visit and Conduct and All Hands Meeting; Remarks on the Advanced Energy Initiative and the American Competitiveness Initiative
20-May	Houston, TX	South Texas College of Law	Commencement Address to Promote the American Competitiveness Initiative and Discuss the Merits of Public Service in a Legal Career
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Secretary Michael O. Leavitt			
18-May	Washington, D.C.	Tribal Summit on Pandemic Response and Emergency Planning	Remarks on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Federal Efforts to Prepare for a Pandemic
19-23 May	Geneva, Switzerland	World Health Assembly Meeting	Meetings with Various Ministers of Health on Bilateral Issues of Mutual Significance and Host a Reception for Heads of Delegations
U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Secretary Michael Chertoff			
16-May	Raleigh, NC	Meeting and Press Availability with Governor Michael Easley (R)	Discuss Hurricane Preparedness with the Governor; Press Conference
16-May	Atlanta, GA	Meeting and Press Availability with Governor Sonny Perdue (R)	Discuss Hurricane Preparedness with the Governor; Press Conference
17-May	New London, CT	2006 U.S. Coast Guard Graduation	Commencement Address on the Importance of the Coast Guard to DHS and their Heroic Efforts During Hurricane Katrina
U.S. Department of Justice - Attorney General Alberto Gonzales			
17-May	Beltsville, MD	Meeting with the FBI Innocent Images Unit	Meeting; Receive Demonstration of the Unit

17-May	Washington, DC	Project Safe Childhood Press Conference	Remarks; Question and Answer Session; and the Project Safe Childhood Roll Out
18-May	Dallas, TX	National Methamphetamine & Chemicals Initiative Strategy Conference with Daniel Cabeza de Vaca, Mexican Attorney General; WW Samuell High School Visit; Roundtable ; Meeting with Dallas Area DOJ Staff	Remarks; Question and Answer Session; Roundtable Discussion
19-May	Houston, TX	The Houston Forum; Houston Chronicle Editorial Board	Remarks on Homeland Security, the Patriot Act, and Judicial Confirmations; Questions and Answers; Issues Discussion
20-May	Houston, TX	Leadership Houston's 25th Anniversary Gala	Receive the "Distinguished Leadership Award" and Deliver Remarks
U.S. Department of Labor - Secretary Elaine Chao			
21-May	Milwaukee, WI	Marquette University Commencement	Commencement Address to Focus on the President's Successful Economic Policies
U.S. Department of Transportation - Secretary Norman Y. Mineta			
16-May	Washington, D.C.	Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) 12 th Annual Gala Dinner	Remarks Honoring the APAICS Lifetime Achievement Award to Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI)
16-May	Washington, D.C.	National Retail Federation's Washington Leadership Conference	Remarks to Roll Out the Department's Congestion Mitigation Plans
17-May	Atlanta, GA	Home Depot Tour and Press Conference on Congestion	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
17-May	Lexington, KY	Amazon.com Tour; Press Conference	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
18-May	Washington, D.C.	Wilson Bridge Dedication Ceremony	Remarks on the Dedication of the New Wilson Bridge
19-May	Salt Lake City, UT	Tour of the Overstock.com Facility; News Conference	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
19-May	Albuquerque, NM	Tour of the Eclipse Aviation Assembly Plant; Press Conference	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices

20-May	Washington, D.C.	National Defense Transportation Association National Transportation Week Reception	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
U.S. Department of Treasury - Secretary John Snow			
15-May	Washington, D.C.	Luncheon with the Virginia Business Council	Remarks on the Economy
19-May	New York, NY	Bond Market Association's Annual Meeting; Press Interviews	Remarks
19-21 May	Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	Broader Middle East and North Africa Initiative Conference	Meeting with Various Finance Ministers; Breakfast with Arab Business Council CEO's, and a Reception with Financial Services CEO's
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Secretary Jim Nicholson			
16-May	Washington, D.C.	16th Annual Secretary's Awards for Excellence in Chaplaincy	Remarks
16-May	Washington, D.C.	The IXth Olympic Dinner Hosted by the United States Olympic Committee	Remarks
17-May	Washington, D.C.	2006 Public Policy Roundtable Series Hosted by Coach Kathy Kemper, Founder and CEO, Institute for Education	Remarks on Veterans Issues
20-May	Denver, CO	University of Denver, Sturm College of Law Spring Commencement	Commencement Address
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Administrator Stephen L. Johnson			
15-May	Brussels, Belgium	Background Briefing at U.S. Mission to the European Union; Meetings with Stravos Dimas, European Union Environment Commissioner, Andris Piebalgs, European Union Energy Commissioner, and Silva Rodriguez, European Union Director-General for Research; Dinner with Boyden Gray, U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, and TBD European Union Officials	Discuss Issues of Common Interest

16-May	Paris, France	Meetings with Craig Roberts Stapleton, U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic, The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Leadership; Lunch with Ambassador Morella, U.S. Ambassador to the OECD	Discuss Issues of Common Interest
18-May	Washington, D.C.	National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology Meeting	Remarks on Science and Technology
19-May	Upland, IN	Meeting with Students in the Undergraduate and Master's Program for Environmental Science	Commencement Event
20-May	Upland, IN	Taylor University Graduation; Luncheon	Commencement Address
U.S. Trade Representative - Ambassador Robert Portman			
19-May	Chicago, IL	Chicago Council on Foreign Relations and Editorial Board for the Chicago Tribune	Remarks on Updates of the Doha Trade Agenda
U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy - Director John Walters			
18-May	Dallas, TX	National Methamphetamine Chemical Initiative Conference; Press Conference with Mexican Attorney General, Cabeza de Vaca	Discuss Cross-Border Trafficking of Meth



REPORT TO THE CABINET
FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING WITH MAY 8, 2006

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

President's Radio Address (May 6, 2006)

Good morning. Today I want to talk with you about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage that went into effect at the start of this year. Everyone on Medicare is eligible for this new coverage, but the enrollment deadline of May 15th is just over a week away. For those of you with Medicare who have not yet signed up, it is important for you to review your options and choose a plan. By enrolling before the deadline, you can ensure the lowest possible premiums and start saving on your prescription drug bills. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Commencement Address at Oklahoma State University (May 6, 2006)

Thank you all very much. President Schmidly, thank you. Members of the Oklahoma State faculty and administration; Governor; people in the Statehouse; members of the United States Congress; distinguished guests; parents, friends, family, and most important, the Class of 2006, thanks for the warm welcome to this great state, and to this fine campus. I'm honored to be here. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Nominates General Michael Hayden as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (May 8, 2006)

Good morning. Today I'm pleased to nominate General Mike Hayden as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mike Hayden is supremely qualified for this position. I've come to know him well as our nation's first Deputy Director of National Intelligence. In that position, he's worked closely with our Director of National Intelligence, John Negroponte, to reform America's intelligence capabilities to meet the threats of a new century. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Discusses Peace Agreement in Sudan (May 8, 2006)

I want to thank Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for joining me, and I also want to thank Deputy Secretary of State Bob Zoellick. He has just briefed me on his trip to Abuja, where he has played a very important role in setting up a peace agreement between the government of Sudan and a major rebel group in the Darfur region. Congratulations on a job well done, Bob. Thank you. Last week we saw the beginnings of hope for the people of Darfur. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Governor Bush Visit Fire Station in Florida (May 9, 2006)

Jeb and I just were briefed by the firefighters here about the dry conditions that are creating hazards for the people, and Kelley, I appreciate your briefing. He was in charge of putting out that fire yesterday that consumed 450 acres. They think it was caused by a spark out of one of the

utility lines. I've always been impressed by those who are willing to get out and fight the fires, and save lives and save property. I'm surrounded by people who made a career out of that. And I want to thank them for their dedication to service, I want to thank them for the briefing about the threat we find ourselves in, we've got dry and windy conditions. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (May 9, 2006)

What I thought I would do is spend a little time talking about the new Medicare program. The reason I'm doing this, because I want people to sign up. And then I'll answer some questions if you have some. And then I'm going to go to Orlando and do the same thing tomorrow morning -- just like I did earlier in South Florida. And the reason why I'm doing this is because we have changed Medicare for the better, but sometimes change creates anxieties. In other words, people say, well, maybe I don't want to change. I kind of like it the way things are, but we have a duty to educate people and give them a chance to see what's available. And that's what I'm doing. That's what you want your President to do. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt Make Remarks to the Travel Pool (May 9, 2006)

I want to thank you all for joining us. I'm proud to be here with Secretary Leavitt. We're traveling the country reminding people that there's a fantastic opportunity for our seniors, and that is Medicare now offers a prescription drug benefit that will save people a lot of money. We just visited with some of our citizens inside there, and they're talking about significant savings. And that's what we want, we want our seniors to be able to have modern medicine. So far a lot of seniors have signed up. It's coming down the stretch toward the May 15th deadline; we want everybody to sign up. We want people to understand that they're going to save a lot of money when it comes to prescription drugs. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Victims of Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

Identity theft is a serious problem in America. I have just listened to the horror stories from fellow citizens who have had their identities stolen. I listened to their ideas about how the federal government can help in the response in not only dealing with those who commit the crime, but helping those who have been victimized. And I want to thank you all for joining us. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Participates in Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit in Florida (May 10, 2006)

I'm here to talk about Medicare. We've got an exciting program and an exciting opportunity for people to improve their lives. So this is an educational forum. This is a chance not only to speak to the folks here, but to those who may be watching on TV about a really interesting opportunity for the seniors all around our country to really improve their lives by signing up for a new opportunity in Medicare. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses NSA Surveillance Program (May 11, 2006)

After September the 11th, I vowed to the American people that our government would do everything within the law to protect them against another terrorist attack. As part of this effort, I authorized the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations. In other words, if al Qaeda or their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they're saying. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Commencement Address (May 11, 2006)

Thanks for the warm welcome. This afternoon, we celebrate commencement in a stadium that is still under repair, near streets lined with temporary housing, in a region where too many lives have been shattered, and there has never been a more hopeful day to graduate in the state of Mississippi. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Former Secretaries of State and Former Secretaries of Defense (May 12, 2006)

I've just completed a second meeting with former Secretaries of State and former Secretaries of Defense on Iraq. We also discussed the broader Middle East, as well. I want to thank you all very much for sharing your thoughts not only with me, but with the Vice President and Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. It really means a lot to hear your thoughts and your concerns and your suggestions about the way forward in Iraq. We've had our disagreements in this country about whether or not we should be there in the first place. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Remarks by the President at Celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (May 12, 2006)

Welcome to the White House. I like to call it the People's House. I'm glad you could join us today to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is the month we recognize the many accomplishments of Americans who trace their origins to the Asian Pacific region, and we honor the contributions they make to our great land. Across our country, Asian Pacific Americans are making their mark in all walks of life, including business and law and politics and education, community service, the arts, and science. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS

President Disappointed in Senate Failure to Pass Real Medical Liability Reform (May 8, 2006)

I am disappointed that the Senate has yet again failed to pass real medical liability reform legislation. Unwilling to take on their trial lawyer supporters, the Democrats led this effort to block these much-needed reforms. Junk lawsuits are driving too many good doctors out of medicine. Women in nearly 1,500 counties are without a single OB-GYN, and frivolous and abusive lawsuits are encouraging the use of defensive medicine, which imposes substantial and unnecessary costs on all Americans. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. I have called on Congress to pass responsible medical liability reforms, and the House of Representatives has acted. It is time for the Senate to put the needs of the American people ahead of the interests of trial lawyers and pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

President Urges Senate to Pass Tax Cut Legislation (May 10, 2006)

The tax cuts we passed in recent years are working to fuel America's economic expansion. Our pro-growth policies have helped the economy create more than 5.2 million jobs since August of 2003, and last year our economy grew faster than that of any other major industrialized nation. By extending key Capital Gains and Dividends tax relief, the House has taken an important step to continue to help hard-working Americans and to keep our economy strong and growing. I appreciate the House Leadership and Chairman Bill Thomas for their hard work. I urge the Senate to vote swiftly so that I can sign this bill into law and put a stop to a massive tax hike that would be disastrous for small businesses, our economy, and all working Americans.

President Applauds Senate for Passing Tax Relief Legislation (May 11, 2006)

I applaud the Senate for passing important tax relief that will help keep our economy strong and growing. This legislation prevents an enormous tax hike that the American people do not want and would not welcome. The bill will extend policies that have helped our economy flourish. We have had 18 straight quarters of growth, including 4.8 percent growth in the last quarter, and the unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. I appreciate the Senate Leadership and Chairman Grassley for their hard work on behalf of American taxpayers and small businesses, and I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

President and Mrs. Bush Saddened by Death of Sonny Montgomery (May 12, 2006)

Laura and I and the entire Bush family are saddened by the death of a good friend and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean War, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (May 8, 2006)

Certain Programs to Build the Capacity of Foreign Military Forces and Related Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code and section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109 163), I direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct or support, within available appropriations, programs that comply with section 1206 for the following countries: Algeria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Yemen. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security (May 8, 2006)

Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429) are assigned to the Secretary of State. In the performance of such functions, the Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan. By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Continuation of the National Emergency Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Export of Certain Goods to Syria (May 8, 2006)

On May 11, 2004, pursuant to my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701- 1706) and the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), I issued Executive Order 13338 in which I declared a national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation or reexportation of certain goods to Syria. On April 25, 2006, I issued Executive Order 13399 to expand the scope of this national emergency. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Message to the Congress of the United States (May 8, 2006)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL FACT SHEETS

General Michael V. Hayden: The Right Leader for the CIA (May 8, 2006)

Key Reasons General Hayden Is The Right Pick: General Hayden Is One Of The Most Qualified Candidates Ever To Be Nominated To Head The CIA. After More Than 20 Years Of Experience In The Intelligence Business, General Hayden Has Extensive Experience As Both A Provider And Customer Of Intelligence. General Hayden Has Broad And Deep Experience In Human And Technical Intelligence. He has served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency, and Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center these positions required a comprehensive understanding of intelligence collection and analysis. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Brett M. Kavanaugh: Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (May 8, 2006)

Throughout His Career, Brett M. Kavanaugh Has Demonstrated Legal Excellence And The Fair-Minded Temperament To Serve As A Federal Appellate Judge. Kavanaugh has an extraordinary range of experience in the public and private sectors. He has dedicated the majority of his 16 years of practice to public service as an appellate lawyer, a government lawyer, and an Assistant to the President. Brett M. Kavanaugh Is Superbly Qualified For The D.C. Circuit. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Darfur Agreement: A Step Toward Peace (May 8, 2006)

Last Friday, The Government Of Sudan And The Largest Darfur Rebel Group Signed An Agreement And Took A Step Toward Peace. We are still far from our ultimate goal of returning millions of displaced people to their homes so they can have a life without fear, but we can now see a way forward. The President is particularly grateful for the leadership of President Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (May 9, 2006)

Today, President Bush Discussed How Signing Up For The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program Can Help Beneficiaries Save Money And Get The Drugs They Need. When President Bush came into office, Medicare was outdated and not meeting the needs of America's seniors. The Congress passed, and the President signed into law, legislation to modernize Medicare by providing preventive care, offering seniors more choices, and giving seniors better access to the prescription drugs they need. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

General Michael V. Hayden: Extremely Well Qualified to Lead the CIA (May 10, 2006)

General Hayden Has Served At The Highest Levels Of The Intel Community. General Hayden served as Director of the National Security Agency for six years before assuming the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served in the intelligence community for more than 20 years and brings vast experience in technical and human source collection, intelligence analysis, and policy support, including overseas postings in Europe and Asia. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The President's Identity Theft Task Force (May 10, 2006)

Today, President Bush Signed An Executive Order Creating The Nation's First Ever "Identity Theft Task Force." This task force will marshal the resources of the Federal government to crack down on the criminals who traffic in stolen identities and protect American families from this devastating crime. The Identity Theft Task Force Is An Important Step Forward In The Fight Against Identity Theft. The President's Identity Theft Task Force Reinforces And Intensifies The Administration's Commitment To Deal With Identity Theft. This task force, chaired by the Attorney General and the FTC Chair, strengthens our efforts to protect the financial information of our citizens. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The ABA Finds Brett Kavanaugh Is "Indeed Qualified to Serve on the Federal Bench" (May 8, 2006)

"In 42 votes cast in the three ABA reviews, all 42 found Mr. Kavanaugh to be well qualified or qualified to serve on the DC Circuit. The ABA itself says that even the lowest of the three ratings is, in its words, 'a very high standard.'" White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, May 8, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

USA Today's Misleading Medicare Story (May 9, 2006)

Millions Of Minorities Are Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. USA Today Claims "Poor, Often Minority" Medicare Beneficiaries Are Not Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. "While millions of seniors and people with disabilities are signing up and saving money, the program is being used least by those who could benefit most: poor, often minority Medicare beneficiaries" (Richard Wolf, "Those Most In Need May Miss Drug Benefit Sign-up," USA Today, 5/9/06). But By April, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible African Americans, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible Hispanics, And More Than 75 Percent Of Eligible Asian Americans Are Enrolled Or Have Retiree Drug Coverage. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The New York Times Continues to Ignore America's Economic Progress (May 10, 2006)

The New York Times Says "Fixed Costs, Like Housing, Health Care And Gasoline" Are "Rapidly Outpacing" Paychecks And Benefits. (Editorial, "Barely Staying Afloat," The New York Times, 5/10/06) But Average Hourly Earnings Have Risen 3.8 Percent Over The Past 12 Months, Their Largest Increase In Nearly Five Years. Hourly compensation rose at a 5.7 percent rate in the first quarter. Personal income rose 0.5 percent in March. Real After-Tax Income Has Risen By 13.8 Percent Since January 2001. Real after-tax income has risen by \$2,398 (8.2 percent) per person since January 2001. Securities Prices Show The Market Believes That Inflation Is Expected To Remain In Check. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

CBS News' Misleading Medicare Report (May 10, 2006)

CBS News Misleadingly Reports That Only 8 Million Seniors Have Signed Up For Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Jim Axelrod: "Hoping to nail down at least one clear success story for Republicans to run on this fall, Mr. Bush wants to add another million seniors to the 8 million already signed up." (CBS' "Evening News," 5/9/06) But 37 Million Seniors Have Coverage. Of the more than 42 million people eligible for Medicare, more than 31 million people with Medicare now have Part D-related prescription drug coverage and hundreds of thousands more are enrolling now. Nearly 6 million more eligible beneficiaries have an alternative source of coverage (i.e., they are covered by VA, Indian Health, or they are still working). [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush's Tax Relief Benefits All Taxpayers (May 11, 2006)

Washington Post Editorial Headline: "The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget." "Budgetary dishonesty, distributional unfairness, fiscal irresponsibility - by now the words are so familiar, it can be hard to appreciate how damaging this fiscal course will be. ... This Congress and administration are putting the nation deeper and deeper in debt to benefit a sliver of the population that doesn't need the help." (Editorial, "Tax Cuts, Again; The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget," The Washington Post, 5/11/06) But According To A News Headline In The Same Day's Washington Post: "Voting On Party Lines, Lawmakers Extend Benefits To Middle Class." [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

AP's Misleading Military Recruiting Article (May 11, 2006)

The Associated Press: "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals." (Lolita C. Baldor, "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals," The Associated Press, 5/10/06) But The Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, And Marine Corps Reserve All Have Exceeded Or Achieved Their Year-To-Date Recruitment Goals. The Army National Guard Has Recruited 103 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Air Force Reserve Has Recruited 105 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Marine Corps Reserve Has Recruited 100 Percent Of Its

Year-To-Date Goal. (Department Of Defense, "DoD Announces Recruiting And Retention Numbers For April," Press Release, 5/10/06) [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2006 (May 11, 2006)

Every day, our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow Americans safe. As we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives protecting us, and we honor all those who wear the badge and keep the peace. The law enforcement officers of today carry on the long and proud tradition of service built by their predecessors. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Strengthening Federal Efforts to Protect Against Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to strengthen efforts to protect against identity theft, it is hereby ordered as follows: Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to use Federal resources effectively to deter, prevent, detect, investigate, proceed against, and prosecute unlawful use by persons of the identifying information of other persons, including through: (a) increased aggressive law enforcement actions designed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute identity theft crimes, recover the proceeds of such crimes, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate identity theft. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bush to Welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House (May 8, 2006)

President Bush will welcome Australian Prime Minister John Howard to the White House on May 16, 2006. President Bush looks forward to reviewing with Prime Minister Howard the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. The President will also consult with the Prime Minister on critical regional and global issues. Australia stands as one of America's closest allies and partners, and continues to work with the United States toward the common goals of promoting peace, freedom, and prosperity through fighting terrorism, stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoting an open international economic order.

President Announces Governor Bush to Lead Delegation to Inauguration in Haiti (May 8, 2006)

President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to attend the Inauguration of His Excellency Ren Garc a Pr val, President of the Republic of Haiti on May 14, 2006. The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, will lead the delegation. Members of the Presidential Delegation are: the Honorable Janet Ann Sanderson, United States Ambassador to Haiti, and the Honorable M. Rony Francois, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

This week, the President announced his intention to nominate, designate, or appoint the following individuals to serve in his Administration:

Nominate **Thomas D. Anderson**, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice Peter W. Hall, resigned.

Nominate **Gayleatha Beatrice Brown**, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Nominate **Victoria Ray Carlson**, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Chad Colley**, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Peter R. Coneway**, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Nominate **Neil M. Gorsuch**, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice David M. Ebel, retired.

Nominate **General Michael V. Hayden**, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Porter J. Goss, resigned.

Nominate **Troy R. Justesen**, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, vice Susan K. Scalfani.

Nominate **Lisa Mattheiss**, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Christina B. Rocca**, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Nominate **Eric Solomon**, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

Nominate **W. Stuart Symington, IV**, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Nominate **William H. Tobey**, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Paul Morgan Longworth, resigned.

Nominate **John R. Vaughn**, of Florida, and upon confirmation designate Chairman, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Ellen C. Williams**, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, for the remainder of a nine-year term expiring December 8, 2007.

Appoint **Linda Leuchter Addison**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Martin Berson Gold**, of the District of Columbia (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring July 13, 2008.

Appoint **Ronald H. Bloom**, of California, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **David A. Burke**, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Robert A. Gleason, Jr.**, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Mordechai E. Gobioff**, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Sean M. Healey**, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the President's Export Council.

Appoint **Arthur E. Johnson**, of Virginia, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

Appoint **Richard R. Kilgust**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Andrew M. Klein**, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Harley Lippman**, of New York (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring August 9, 2007.

Appoint **Walter B. McCormick, Jr.**, of Missouri, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

Appoint **J. Bryan Pickens**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Harvey W. Schiller**, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Linda O. Shaw**, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Elizabeth May Stern**, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Robert Zarnegin**, of California, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

CABINET HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Location	Audience/Event	Topic/Activity
U.S. Department of Commerce - Secretary Carlos Gutierrez			
15-May	Philadelphia, PA	Naturalization Ceremony; Political Event with Representative Curt Weldon (R-PA); Participate in a Small Business Tour and Roundtable	Remarks on Immigration; Remarks on the Economy and Jobs; Tour and Roundtable
17-May	Washington, D.C.	Team 100 Breakfast	Remarks on the Economy and the President's Initiatives
18-May	Washington, D.C.	Sperling Breakfast	Remarks on the Economy and the President's Initiatives
19-May	Washington, D.C.	Georgetown University McDonough School of Business MBA Awards and Diploma Ceremony	Remarks on the Economy
U.S. Department of Education - Secretary Margaret Spellings			
15-May	Washington, D.C.	First National Summit on the Advancement of Girls in Math and Science	Host the Summit and Remarks
17-May	Rockville, MD	Montgomery College Graduation Ceremony	Commencement Address
19-21 May	Islamabad, Pakistan	U.S./Pakistan Dialogue on Education	Follow-Up on the President's Trip and Announcement of Key Areas of Cooperation Between the U.S. and Pakistan Including Education
U.S. Department of Energy - Secretary Samuel W. Bodman			
17-May	Washington, D.C.	Republican National Committee Advisory Board & President's Club Luncheon	Remarks
19-May	Port Arthur, TX	Visit Motiva Refinery; Media Availability	Highlight Refinery Expansion Plans and the President's Four Point Plan

19-May	El Paso, TX	Meeting with El Paso del Norte (Group of Business Leaders that Focus on Business Development and Infrastructure on the Border)	Remarks on the President's Security and Prosperity Partnership, Advanced Energy Initiative, and Other Regional Issues
19-May	Amarillo, TX	Visit the DOE Pantex Facility; Meeting with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and Business Leaders	Visit and Conduct and All Hands Meeting; Remarks on the Advanced Energy Initiative and the American Competitiveness Initiative
20-May	Houston, TX	South Texas College of Law	Commencement Address to Promote the American Competitiveness Initiative and Discuss the Merits of Public Service in a Legal Career
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Secretary Michael O. Leavitt			
18-May	Washington, D.C.	Tribal Summit on Pandemic Response and Emergency Planning	Remarks on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Federal Efforts to Prepare for a Pandemic
19-23 May	Geneva, Switzerland	World Health Assembly Meeting	Meetings with Various Ministers of Health on Bilateral Issues of Mutual Significance and Host a Reception for Heads of Delegations
U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Secretary Michael Chertoff			
16-May	Raleigh, NC	Meeting and Press Availability with Governor Michael Easley (R)	Discuss Hurricane Preparedness with the Governor; Press Conference
16-May	Atlanta, GA	Meeting and Press Availability with Governor Sonny Perdue (R)	Discuss Hurricane Preparedness with the Governor; Press Conference
17-May	New London, CT	2006 U.S. Coast Guard Graduation	Commencement Address on the Importance of the Coast Guard to DHS and their Heroic Efforts During Hurricane Katrina
U.S. Department of Justice - Attorney General Alberto Gonzales			
17-May	Beltsville, MD	Meeting with the FBI Innocent Images Unit	Meeting; Receive Demonstration of the Unit

17-May	Washington, DC	Project Safe Childhood Press Conference	Remarks; Question and Answer Session; and the Project Safe Childhood Roll Out
18-May	Dallas, TX	National Methamphetamine & Chemicals Initiative Strategy Conference with Daniel Cabeza de Vaca, Mexican Attorney General; WW Samuell High School Visit; Roundtable ; Meeting with Dallas Area DOJ Staff	Remarks; Question and Answer Session; Roundtable Discussion
19-May	Houston, TX	The Houston Forum; Houston Chronicle Editorial Board	Remarks on Homeland Security, the Patriot Act, and Judicial Confirmations; Questions and Answers; Issues Discussion
20-May	Houston, TX	Leadership Houston's 25th Anniversary Gala	Receive the "Distinguished Leadership Award" and Deliver Remarks
U.S. Department of Labor - Secretary Elaine Chao			
21-May	Milwaukee, WI	Marquette University Commencement	Commencement Address to Focus on the President's Successful Economic Policies
U.S. Department of Transportation - Secretary Norman Y. Mineta			
16-May	Washington, D.C.	Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) 12 th Annual Gala Dinner	Remarks Honoring the APAICS Lifetime Achievement Award to Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI)
16-May	Washington, D.C.	National Retail Federation's Washington Leadership Conference	Remarks to Roll Out the Department's Congestion Mitigation Plans
17-May	Atlanta, GA	Home Depot Tour and Press Conference on Congestion	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
17-May	Lexington, KY	Amazon.com Tour; Press Conference	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
18-May	Washington, D.C.	Wilson Bridge Dedication Ceremony	Remarks on the Dedication of the New Wilson Bridge
19-May	Salt Lake City, UT	Tour of the Overstock.com Facility; News Conference	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
19-May	Albuquerque, NM	Tour of the Eclipse Aviation Assembly Plant; Press Conference	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices

20-May	Washington, D.C.	National Defense Transportation Association National Transportation Week Reception	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
U.S. Department of Treasury - Secretary John Snow			
15-May	Washington, D.C.	Luncheon with the Virginia Business Council	Remarks on the Economy
19-May	New York, NY	Bond Market Association's Annual Meeting; Press Interviews	Remarks
19-21 May	Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	Broader Middle East and North Africa Initiative Conference	Meeting with Various Finance Ministers; Breakfast with Arab Business Council CEO's, and a Reception with Financial Services CEO's
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Secretary Jim Nicholson			
16-May	Washington, D.C.	16th Annual Secretary's Awards for Excellence in Chaplaincy	Remarks
16-May	Washington, D.C.	The IXth Olympic Dinner Hosted by the United States Olympic Committee	Remarks
17-May	Washington, D.C.	2006 Public Policy Roundtable Series Hosted by Coach Kathy Kemper, Founder and CEO, Institute for Education	Remarks on Veterans Issues
20-May	Denver, CO	University of Denver, Sturm College of Law Spring Commencement	Commencement Address
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Administrator Stephen L. Johnson			
15-May	Brussels, Belgium	Background Briefing at U.S. Mission to the European Union; Meetings with Stravos Dimas, European Union Environment Commissioner, Andris Piebalgs, European Union Energy Commissioner, and Silva Rodriguez, European Union Director-General for Research; Dinner with Boyden Gray, U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, and TBD European Union Officials	Discuss Issues of Common Interest

16-May	Paris, France	Meetings with Craig Roberts Stapleton, U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic, The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Leadership; Lunch with Ambassador Morella, U.S. Ambassador to the OECD	Discuss Issues of Common Interest
18-May	Washington, D.C.	National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology Meeting	Remarks on Science and Technology
19-May	Upland, IN	Meeting with Students in the Undergraduate and Master's Program for Environmental Science	Commencement Event
20-May	Upland, IN	Taylor University Graduation; Luncheon	Commencement Address
U.S. Trade Representative - Ambassador Robert Portman			
19-May	Chicago, IL	Chicago Council on Foreign Relations and Editorial Board for the Chicago Tribune	Remarks on Updates of the Doha Trade Agenda
U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy - Director John Walters			
18-May	Dallas, TX	National Methamphetamine Chemical Initiative Conference; Press Conference with Mexican Attorney General, Cabeza de Vaca	Discuss Cross-Border Trafficking of Meth

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REGIONAL REPORT TO THE CABINET
FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING WITH MAY 8, 2006

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

President's Radio Address (May 6, 2006)

Good morning. Today I want to talk with you about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage that went into effect at the start of this year. Everyone on Medicare is eligible for this new coverage, but the enrollment deadline of May 15th is just over a week away. For those of you with Medicare who have not yet signed up, it is important for you to review your options and choose a plan. By enrolling before the deadline, you can ensure the lowest possible premiums and start saving on your prescription drug bills. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Commencement Address at Oklahoma State University (May 6, 2006)

Thank you all very much. President Schmidly, thank you. Members of the Oklahoma State faculty and administration; Governor; people in the Statehouse; members of the United States Congress; distinguished guests; parents, friends, family, and most important, the Class of 2006, thanks for the warm welcome to this great state, and to this fine campus. I'm honored to be here. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Nominates General Michael Hayden as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (May 8, 2006)

Good morning. Today I'm pleased to nominate General Mike Hayden as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mike Hayden is supremely qualified for this position. I've come to know him well as our nation's first Deputy Director of National Intelligence. In that position, he's worked closely with our Director of National Intelligence, John Negroponte, to reform America's intelligence capabilities to meet the threats of a new century. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Discusses Peace Agreement in Sudan (May 8, 2006)

I want to thank Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for joining me, and I also want to thank Deputy Secretary of State Bob Zoellick. He has just briefed me on his trip to Abuja, where he has played a very important role in setting up a peace agreement between the government of Sudan and a major rebel group in the Darfur region. Congratulations on a job well done, Bob. Thank you. Last week we saw the beginnings of hope for the people of Darfur. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Governor Bush Visit Fire Station in Florida (May 9, 2006)

Jeb and I just were briefed by the firefighters here about the dry conditions that are creating hazards for the people, and Kelley, I appreciate your briefing. He was in charge of putting out that fire yesterday that consumed 450 acres. They think it was caused by a spark out of one of the

utility lines. I've always been impressed by those who are willing to get out and fight the fires, and save lives and save property. I'm surrounded by people who made a career out of that. And I want to thank them for their dedication to service, I want to thank them for the briefing about the threat we find ourselves in, we've got dry and windy conditions. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (May 9, 2006)

What I thought I would do is spend a little time talking about the new Medicare program. The reason I'm doing this, because I want people to sign up. And then I'll answer some questions if you have some. And then I'm going to go to Orlando and do the same thing tomorrow morning -- just like I did earlier in South Florida. And the reason why I'm doing this is because we have changed Medicare for the better, but sometimes change creates anxieties. In other words, people say, well, maybe I don't want to change. I kind of like it the way things are, but we have a duty to educate people and give them a chance to see what's available. And that's what I'm doing. That's what you want your President to do. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt Make Remarks to the Travel Pool (May 9, 2006)

I want to thank you all for joining us. I'm proud to be here with Secretary Leavitt. We're traveling the country reminding people that there's a fantastic opportunity for our seniors, and that is Medicare now offers a prescription drug benefit that will save people a lot of money. We just visited with some of our citizens inside there, and they're talking about significant savings. And that's what we want, we want our seniors to be able to have modern medicine. So far a lot of seniors have signed up. It's coming down the stretch toward the May 15th deadline; we want everybody to sign up. We want people to understand that they're going to save a lot of money when it comes to prescription drugs. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Victims of Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

Identity theft is a serious problem in America. I have just listened to the horror stories from fellow citizens who have had their identities stolen. I listened to their ideas about how the federal government can help in the response in not only dealing with those who commit the crime, but helping those who have been victimized. And I want to thank you all for joining us. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Participates in Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit in Florida (May 10, 2006)

I'm here to talk about Medicare. We've got an exciting program and an exciting opportunity for people to improve their lives. So this is an educational forum. This is a chance not only to speak to the folks here, but to those who may be watching on TV about a really interesting opportunity for the seniors all around our country to really improve their lives by signing up for a new opportunity in Medicare. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses NSA Surveillance Program (May 11, 2006)

After September the 11th, I vowed to the American people that our government would do everything within the law to protect them against another terrorist attack. As part of this effort, I authorized the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations. In other words, if al Qaeda or their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they're saying. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Commencement Address (May 11, 2006)

Thanks for the warm welcome. This afternoon, we celebrate commencement in a stadium that is still under repair, near streets lined with temporary housing, in a region where too many lives have been shattered, and there has never been a more hopeful day to graduate in the state of Mississippi. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Former Secretaries of State and Former Secretaries of Defense (May 12, 2006)

I've just completed a second meeting with former Secretaries of State and former Secretaries of Defense on Iraq. We also discussed the broader Middle East, as well. I want to thank you all very much for sharing your thoughts not only with me, but with the Vice President and Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. It really means a lot to hear your thoughts and your concerns and your suggestions about the way forward in Iraq. We've had our disagreements in this country about whether or not we should be there in the first place. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Remarks by the President at Celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (May 12, 2006)

Welcome to the White House. I like to call it the People's House. I'm glad you could join us today to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is the month we recognize the many accomplishments of Americans who trace their origins to the Asian Pacific region, and we honor the contributions they make to our great land. Across our country, Asian Pacific Americans are making their mark in all walks of life, including business and law and politics and education, community service, the arts, and science. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS

President Disappointed in Senate Failure to Pass Real Medical Liability Reform (May 8, 2006)

I am disappointed that the Senate has yet again failed to pass real medical liability reform legislation. Unwilling to take on their trial lawyer supporters, the Democrats led this effort to block these much-needed reforms. Junk lawsuits are driving too many good doctors out of medicine. Women in nearly 1,500 counties are without a single OB-GYN, and frivolous and abusive lawsuits are encouraging the use of defensive medicine, which imposes substantial and unnecessary costs on all Americans. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. I have called on Congress to pass responsible medical liability reforms, and the House of Representatives has acted. It is time for the Senate to put the needs of the American people ahead of the interests of trial lawyers and pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

President Urges Senate to Pass Tax Cut Legislation (May 10, 2006)

The tax cuts we passed in recent years are working to fuel America's economic expansion. Our pro-growth policies have helped the economy create more than 5.2 million jobs since August of 2003, and last year our economy grew faster than that of any other major industrialized nation. By extending key Capital Gains and Dividends tax relief, the House has taken an important step to continue to help hard-working Americans and to keep our economy strong and growing. I appreciate the House Leadership and Chairman Bill Thomas for their hard work. I urge the Senate to vote swiftly so that I can sign this bill into law and put a stop to a massive tax hike that would be disastrous for small businesses, our economy, and all working Americans.

President Applauds Senate for Passing Tax Relief Legislation (May 11, 2006)

I applaud the Senate for passing important tax relief that will help keep our economy strong and growing. This legislation prevents an enormous tax hike that the American people do not want and would not welcome. The bill will extend policies that have helped our economy flourish. We have had 18 straight quarters of growth, including 4.8 percent growth in the last quarter, and the unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. I appreciate the Senate Leadership and Chairman Grassley for their hard work on behalf of American taxpayers and small businesses, and I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

President and Mrs. Bush Saddened by Death of Sonny Montgomery (May 12, 2006)

Laura and I and the entire Bush family are saddened by the death of a good friend and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean War, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (May 8, 2006)

Certain Programs to Build the Capacity of Foreign Military Forces and Related Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code and section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109 163), I direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct or support, within available appropriations, programs that comply with section 1206 for the following countries: Algeria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Yemen. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security (May 8, 2006)

Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429) are assigned to the Secretary of State. In the performance of such functions, the Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan. By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Continuation of the National Emergency Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Export of Certain Goods to Syria (May 8, 2006)

On May 11, 2004, pursuant to my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701- 1706) and the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), I issued Executive Order 13338 in which I declared a national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation or reexportation of certain goods to Syria. On April 25, 2006, I issued Executive Order 13399 to expand the scope of this national emergency. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Message to the Congress of the United States (May 8, 2006)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL FACT SHEETS

General Michael V. Hayden: The Right Leader for the CIA (May 8, 2006)

Key Reasons General Hayden Is The Right Pick: General Hayden Is One Of The Most Qualified Candidates Ever To Be Nominated To Head The CIA. After More Than 20 Years Of Experience In The Intelligence Business, General Hayden Has Extensive Experience As Both A Provider And Customer Of Intelligence. General Hayden Has Broad And Deep Experience In Human And Technical Intelligence. He has served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency, and Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center these positions required a comprehensive understanding of intelligence collection and analysis. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Brett M. Kavanaugh: Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (May 8, 2006)

Throughout His Career, Brett M. Kavanaugh Has Demonstrated Legal Excellence And The Fair-Minded Temperament To Serve As A Federal Appellate Judge. Kavanaugh has an extraordinary range of experience in the public and private sectors. He has dedicated the majority of his 16 years of practice to public service as an appellate lawyer, a government lawyer, and an Assistant to the President. Brett M. Kavanaugh Is Superbly Qualified For The D.C. Circuit. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Darfur Agreement: A Step Toward Peace (May 8, 2006)

Last Friday, The Government Of Sudan And The Largest Darfur Rebel Group Signed An Agreement And Took A Step Toward Peace. We are still far from our ultimate goal of returning millions of displaced people to their homes so they can have a life without fear, but we can now see a way forward. The President is particularly grateful for the leadership of President Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (May 9, 2006)

Today, President Bush Discussed How Signing Up For The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program Can Help Beneficiaries Save Money And Get The Drugs They Need. When President Bush came into office, Medicare was outdated and not meeting the needs of America's seniors. The Congress passed, and the President signed into law, legislation to modernize Medicare by providing preventive care, offering seniors more choices, and giving seniors better access to the prescription drugs they need. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

General Michael V. Hayden: Extremely Well Qualified to Lead the CIA (May 10, 2006)

General Hayden Has Served At The Highest Levels Of The Intel Community. General Hayden served as Director of the National Security Agency for six years before assuming the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served in the intelligence community for more than 20 years and brings vast experience in technical and human source collection, intelligence analysis, and policy support, including overseas postings in Europe and Asia. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The President's Identity Theft Task Force (May 10, 2006)

Today, President Bush Signed An Executive Order Creating The Nation's First Ever "Identity Theft Task Force." This task force will marshal the resources of the Federal government to crack down on the criminals who traffic in stolen identities and protect American families from this devastating crime. The Identity Theft Task Force Is An Important Step Forward In The Fight Against Identity Theft. The President's Identity Theft Task Force Reinforces And Intensifies The Administration's Commitment To Deal With Identity Theft. This task force, chaired by the Attorney General and the FTC Chair, strengthens our efforts to protect the financial information of our citizens. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The ABA Finds Brett Kavanaugh Is "Indeed Qualified to Serve on the Federal Bench" (May 8, 2006)

"In 42 votes cast in the three ABA reviews, all 42 found Mr. Kavanaugh to be well qualified or qualified to serve on the DC Circuit. The ABA itself says that even the lowest of the three ratings is, in its words, 'a very high standard.'" White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, May 8, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

USA Today's Misleading Medicare Story (May 9, 2006)

Millions Of Minorities Are Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. USA Today Claims "Poor, Often Minority" Medicare Beneficiaries Are Not Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. "While millions of seniors and people with disabilities are signing up and saving money, the program is being used least by those who could benefit most: poor, often minority Medicare beneficiaries" (Richard Wolf, "Those Most In Need May Miss Drug Benefit Sign-up," USA Today, 5/9/06). But By April, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible African Americans, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible Hispanics, And More Than 75 Percent Of Eligible Asian Americans Are Enrolled Or Have Retiree Drug Coverage. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The New York Times Continues to Ignore America's Economic Progress (May 10, 2006)

The New York Times Says "Fixed Costs, Like Housing, Health Care And Gasoline" Are "Rapidly Outpacing" Paychecks And Benefits. (Editorial, "Barely Staying Afloat," The New York Times, 5/10/06) But Average Hourly Earnings Have Risen 3.8 Percent Over The Past 12 Months, Their Largest Increase In Nearly Five Years. Hourly compensation rose at a 5.7 percent rate in the first quarter. Personal income rose 0.5 percent in March. Real After-Tax Income Has Risen By 13.8 Percent Since January 2001. Real after-tax income has risen by \$2,398 (8.2 percent) per person since January 2001. Securities Prices Show The Market Believes That Inflation Is Expected To Remain In Check. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

CBS News' Misleading Medicare Report (May 10, 2006)

CBS News Misleadingly Reports That Only 8 Million Seniors Have Signed Up For Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Jim Axelrod: "Hoping to nail down at least one clear success story for Republicans to run on this fall, Mr. Bush wants to add another million seniors to the 8 million already signed up." (CBS' "Evening News," 5/9/06) But 37 Million Seniors Have Coverage. Of the more than 42 million people eligible for Medicare, more than 31 million people with Medicare now have Part D-related prescription drug coverage and hundreds of thousands more are enrolling now. Nearly 6 million more eligible beneficiaries have an alternative source of coverage (i.e., they are covered by VA, Indian Health, or they are still working). [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush's Tax Relief Benefits All Taxpayers (May 11, 2006)

Washington Post Editorial Headline: "The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget." "Budgetary dishonesty, distributional unfairness, fiscal irresponsibility - by now the words are so familiar, it can be hard to appreciate how damaging this fiscal course will be. ... This Congress and administration are putting the nation deeper and deeper in debt to benefit a sliver of the population that doesn't need the help." (Editorial, "Tax Cuts, Again; The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget," The Washington Post, 5/11/06) But According To A News Headline In The Same Day's Washington Post: "Voting On Party Lines, Lawmakers Extend Benefits To Middle Class." [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

AP's Misleading Military Recruiting Article (May 11, 2006)

The Associated Press: "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals." (Lolita C. Baldor, "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals," The Associated Press, 5/10/06) But The Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, And Marine Corps Reserve All Have Exceeded Or Achieved Their Year-To-Date Recruitment Goals. The Army National Guard Has Recruited 103 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Air Force Reserve Has Recruited 105 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Marine Corps Reserve Has Recruited 100 Percent Of Its

Year-To-Date Goal. (Department Of Defense, "DoD Announces Recruiting And Retention Numbers For April," Press Release, 5/10/06) [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2006 (May 11, 2006)

Every day, our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow Americans safe. As we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives protecting us, and we honor all those who wear the badge and keep the peace. The law enforcement officers of today carry on the long and proud tradition of service built by their predecessors. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Strengthening Federal Efforts to Protect Against Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to strengthen efforts to protect against identity theft, it is hereby ordered as follows: Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to use Federal resources effectively to deter, prevent, detect, investigate, proceed against, and prosecute unlawful use by persons of the identifying information of other persons, including through: (a) increased aggressive law enforcement actions designed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute identity theft crimes, recover the proceeds of such crimes, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate identity theft. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bush to Welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House (May 8, 2006)

President Bush will welcome Australian Prime Minister John Howard to the White House on May 16, 2006. President Bush looks forward to reviewing with Prime Minister Howard the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. The President will also consult with the Prime Minister on critical regional and global issues. Australia stands as one of America's closest allies and partners, and continues to work with the United States toward the common goals of promoting peace, freedom, and prosperity through fighting terrorism, stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoting an open international economic order.

President Announces Governor Bush to Lead Delegation to Inauguration in Haiti (May 8, 2006)

President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to attend the Inauguration of His Excellency Ren Garc a Pr val, President of the Republic of Haiti on May 14, 2006. The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, will lead the delegation. Members of the Presidential Delegation are: the Honorable Janet Ann Sanderson, United States Ambassador to Haiti, and the Honorable M. Rony Francois, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

This week, the President announced his intention to nominate, designate, or appoint the following individuals to serve in his Administration:

Nominate **Thomas D. Anderson**, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice Peter W. Hall, resigned.

Nominate **Gayleatha Beatrice Brown**, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Nominate **Victoria Ray Carlson**, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Chad Colley**, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Peter R. Coneway**, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Nominate **Neil M. Gorsuch**, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice David M. Ebel, retired.

Nominate **General Michael V. Hayden**, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Porter J. Goss, resigned.

Nominate **Troy R. Justesen**, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, vice Susan K. Selafani.

Nominate **Lisa Mattheiss**, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Christina B. Rocca**, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Nominate **Eric Solomon**, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

Nominate **W. Stuart Symington, IV**, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Nominate **William H. Tobey**, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Paul Morgan Longworth, resigned.

Nominate **John R. Vaughn**, of Florida, and upon confirmation designate Chairman, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

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REPORT TO THE CABINET
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

President's Radio Address (May 6, 2006)

Good morning. Today I want to talk with you about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage that went into effect at the start of this year. Everyone on Medicare is eligible for this new coverage, but the enrollment deadline of May 15th is just over a week away. For those of you with Medicare who have not yet signed up, it is important for you to review your options and choose a plan. By enrolling before the deadline, you can ensure the lowest possible premiums and start saving on your prescription drug bills. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Commencement Address at Oklahoma State University (May 6, 2006)

Thank you all very much. President Schmidly, thank you. Members of the Oklahoma State faculty and administration; Governor; people in the Statehouse; members of the United States Congress; distinguished guests; parents, friends, family, and most important, the Class of 2006, thanks for the warm welcome to this great state, and to this fine campus. I'm honored to be here. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Nominates General Michael Hayden as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (May 8, 2006)

Good morning. Today I'm pleased to nominate General Mike Hayden as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mike Hayden is supremely qualified for this position. I've come to know him well as our nation's first Deputy Director of National Intelligence. In that position, he's worked closely with our Director of National Intelligence, John Negroponte, to reform America's intelligence capabilities to meet the threats of a new century. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Discusses Peace Agreement in Sudan (May 8, 2006)

I want to thank Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for joining me, and I also want to thank Deputy Secretary of State Bob Zoellick. He has just briefed me on his trip to Abuja, where he has played a very important role in setting up a peace agreement between the government of Sudan and a major rebel group in the Darfur region. Congratulations on a job well done, Bob. Thank you. Last week we saw the beginnings of hope for the people of Darfur. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Governor Bush Visit Fire Station in Florida (May 9, 2006)

Jeb and I just were briefed by the firefighters here about the dry conditions that are creating hazards for the people, and Kelley, I appreciate your briefing. He was in charge of putting out that fire yesterday that consumed 450 acres. They think it was caused by a spark out of one of the

utility lines. I've always been impressed by those who are willing to get out and fight the fires, and save lives and save property. I'm surrounded by people who made a career out of that. And I want to thank them for their dedication to service, I want to thank them for the briefing about the threat we find ourselves in, we've got dry and windy conditions. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (May 9, 2006)

What I thought I would do is spend a little time talking about the new Medicare program. The reason I'm doing this, because I want people to sign up. And then I'll answer some questions if you have some. And then I'm going to go to Orlando and do the same thing tomorrow morning -- just like I did earlier in South Florida. And the reason why I'm doing this is because we have changed Medicare for the better, but sometimes change creates anxieties. In other words, people say, well, maybe I don't want to change. I kind of like it the way things are, but we have a duty to educate people and give them a chance to see what's available. And that's what I'm doing. That's what you want your President to do. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt Make Remarks to the Travel Pool (May 9, 2006)

I want to thank you all for joining us. I'm proud to be here with Secretary Leavitt. We're traveling the country reminding people that there's a fantastic opportunity for our seniors, and that is Medicare now offers a prescription drug benefit that will save people a lot of money. We just visited with some of our citizens inside there, and they're talking about significant savings. And that's what we want, we want our seniors to be able to have modern medicine. So far a lot of seniors have signed up. It's coming down the stretch toward the May 15th deadline; we want everybody to sign up. We want people to understand that they're going to save a lot of money when it comes to prescription drugs. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Victims of Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

Identity theft is a serious problem in America. I have just listened to the horror stories from fellow citizens who have had their identities stolen. I listened to their ideas about how the federal government can help in the response in not only dealing with those who commit the crime, but helping those who have been victimized. And I want to thank you all for joining us. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Participates in Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit in Florida (May 10, 2006)

I'm here to talk about Medicare. We've got an exciting program and an exciting opportunity for people to improve their lives. So this is an educational forum. This is a chance not only to speak to the folks here, but to those who may be watching on TV about a really interesting opportunity for the seniors all around our country to really improve their lives by signing up for a new opportunity in Medicare. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses NSA Surveillance Program (May 11, 2006)

After September the 11th, I vowed to the American people that our government would do everything within the law to protect them against another terrorist attack. As part of this effort, I authorized the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations. In other words, if al Qaeda or their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they're saying. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Commencement Address (May 11, 2006)

Thanks for the warm welcome. This afternoon, we celebrate commencement in a stadium that is still under repair, near streets lined with temporary housing, in a region where too many lives have been shattered, and there has never been a more hopeful day to graduate in the state of Mississippi. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Former Secretaries of State and Former Secretaries of Defense (May 12, 2006)

I've just completed a second meeting with former Secretaries of State and former Secretaries of Defense on Iraq. We also discussed the broader Middle East, as well. I want to thank you all very much for sharing your thoughts not only with me, but with the Vice President and Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. It really means a lot to hear your thoughts and your concerns and your suggestions about the way forward in Iraq. We've had our disagreements in this country about whether or not we should be there in the first place. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Remarks by the President at Celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (May 12, 2006)

Welcome to the White House. I like to call it the People's House. I'm glad you could join us today to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is the month we recognize the many accomplishments of Americans who trace their origins to the Asian Pacific region, and we honor the contributions they make to our great land. Across our country, Asian Pacific Americans are making their mark in all walks of life, including business and law and politics and education, community service, the arts, and science. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS

President Disappointed in Senate Failure to Pass Real Medical Liability Reform (May 8, 2006)

I am disappointed that the Senate has yet again failed to pass real medical liability reform legislation. Unwilling to take on their trial lawyer supporters, the Democrats led this effort to block these much-needed reforms. Junk lawsuits are driving too many good doctors out of medicine. Women in nearly 1,500 counties are without a single OB-GYN, and frivolous and abusive lawsuits are encouraging the use of defensive medicine, which imposes substantial and unnecessary costs on all Americans. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. I have called on Congress to pass responsible medical liability reforms, and the House of Representatives has acted. It is time for the Senate to put the needs of the American people ahead of the interests of trial lawyers and pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

President Urges Senate to Pass Tax Cut Legislation (May 10, 2006)

The tax cuts we passed in recent years are working to fuel America's economic expansion. Our pro-growth policies have helped the economy create more than 5.2 million jobs since August of 2003, and last year our economy grew faster than that of any other major industrialized nation. By extending key Capital Gains and Dividends tax relief, the House has taken an important step to continue to help hard-working Americans and to keep our economy strong and growing. I appreciate the House Leadership and Chairman Bill Thomas for their hard work. I urge the Senate to vote swiftly so that I can sign this bill into law and put a stop to a massive tax hike that would be disastrous for small businesses, our economy, and all working Americans.

President Applauds Senate for Passing Tax Relief Legislation (May 11, 2006)

I applaud the Senate for passing important tax relief that will help keep our economy strong and growing. This legislation prevents an enormous tax hike that the American people do not want and would not welcome. The bill will extend policies that have helped our economy flourish. We have had 18 straight quarters of growth, including 4.8 percent growth in the last quarter, and the unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. I appreciate the Senate Leadership and Chairman Grassley for their hard work on behalf of American taxpayers and small businesses, and I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

President and Mrs. Bush Saddened by Death of Sonny Montgomery (May 12, 2006)

Laura and I and the entire Bush family are saddened by the death of a good friend and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean War, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (May 8, 2006)

Certain Programs to Build the Capacity of Foreign Military Forces and Related Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code and section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109 163), I direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct or support, within available appropriations, programs that comply with section 1206 for the following countries: Algeria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Yemen. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security (May 8, 2006)

Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429) are assigned to the Secretary of State. In the performance of such functions, the Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan. By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Continuation of the National Emergency Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Export of Certain Goods to Syria (May 8, 2006)

On May 11, 2004, pursuant to my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701- 1706) and the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), I issued Executive Order 13338 in which I declared a national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation or reexportation of certain goods to Syria. On April 25, 2006, I issued Executive Order 13399 to expand the scope of this national emergency. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Message to the Congress of the United States (May 8, 2006)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL FACT SHEETS

General Michael V. Hayden: The Right Leader for the CIA (May 8, 2006)

Key Reasons General Hayden Is The Right Pick: General Hayden Is One Of The Most Qualified Candidates Ever To Be Nominated To Head The CIA. After More Than 20 Years Of Experience In The Intelligence Business, General Hayden Has Extensive Experience As Both A Provider And Customer Of Intelligence. General Hayden Has Broad And Deep Experience In Human And Technical Intelligence. He has served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency, and Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center these positions required a comprehensive understanding of intelligence collection and analysis. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Brett M. Kavanaugh: Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (May 8, 2006)

Throughout His Career, Brett M. Kavanaugh Has Demonstrated Legal Excellence And The Fair-Minded Temperament To Serve As A Federal Appellate Judge. Kavanaugh has an extraordinary range of experience in the public and private sectors. He has dedicated the majority of his 16 years of practice to public service as an appellate lawyer, a government lawyer, and an Assistant to the President. Brett M. Kavanaugh Is Superbly Qualified For The D.C. Circuit. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Darfur Agreement: A Step Toward Peace (May 8, 2006)

Last Friday, The Government Of Sudan And The Largest Darfur Rebel Group Signed An Agreement And Took A Step Toward Peace. We are still far from our ultimate goal of returning millions of displaced people to their homes so they can have a life without fear, but we can now see a way forward. The President is particularly grateful for the leadership of President Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (May 9, 2006)

Today, President Bush Discussed How Signing Up For The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program Can Help Beneficiaries Save Money And Get The Drugs They Need. When President Bush came into office, Medicare was outdated and not meeting the needs of America's seniors. The Congress passed, and the President signed into law, legislation to modernize Medicare by providing preventive care, offering seniors more choices, and giving seniors better access to the prescription drugs they need. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

General Michael V. Hayden: Extremely Well Qualified to Lead the CIA (May 10, 2006)

General Hayden Has Served At The Highest Levels Of The Intel Community. General Hayden served as Director of the National Security Agency for six years before assuming the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served in the intelligence community for more than 20 years and brings vast experience in technical and human source collection, intelligence analysis, and policy support, including overseas postings in Europe and Asia. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The President's Identity Theft Task Force (May 10, 2006)

Today, President Bush Signed An Executive Order Creating The Nation's First Ever "Identity Theft Task Force." This task force will marshal the resources of the Federal government to crack down on the criminals who traffic in stolen identities and protect American families from this devastating crime. The Identity Theft Task Force Is An Important Step Forward In The Fight Against Identity Theft. The President's Identity Theft Task Force Reinforces And Intensifies The Administration's Commitment To Deal With Identity Theft. This task force, chaired by the Attorney General and the FTC Chair, strengthens our efforts to protect the financial information of our citizens. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The ABA Finds Brett Kavanaugh Is "Indeed Qualified to Serve on the Federal Bench" (May 8, 2006)

"In 42 votes cast in the three ABA reviews, all 42 found Mr. Kavanaugh to be well qualified or qualified to serve on the DC Circuit. The ABA itself says that even the lowest of the three ratings is, in its words, 'a very high standard.'" White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, May 8, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

USA Today's Misleading Medicare Story (May 9, 2006)

Millions Of Minorities Are Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. USA Today Claims "Poor, Often Minority" Medicare Beneficiaries Are Not Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. "While millions of seniors and people with disabilities are signing up and saving money, the program is being used least by those who could benefit most: poor, often minority Medicare beneficiaries" (Richard Wolf, "Those Most In Need May Miss Drug Benefit Sign-up," USA Today, 5/9/06). But By April, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible African Americans, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible Hispanics, And More Than 75 Percent Of Eligible Asian Americans Are Enrolled Or Have Retiree Drug Coverage. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The New York Times Continues to Ignore America's Economic Progress (May 10, 2006)

The New York Times Says "Fixed Costs, Like Housing, Health Care And Gasoline" Are "Rapidly Outpacing" Paychecks And Benefits. (Editorial, "Barely Staying Afloat," The New York Times, 5/10/06) But Average Hourly Earnings Have Risen 3.8 Percent Over The Past 12 Months, Their Largest Increase In Nearly Five Years. Hourly compensation rose at a 5.7 percent rate in the first quarter. Personal income rose 0.5 percent in March. Real After-Tax Income Has Risen By 13.8 Percent Since January 2001. Real after-tax income has risen by \$2,398 (8.2 percent) per person since January 2001. Securities Prices Show The Market Believes That Inflation Is Expected To Remain In Check. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

CBS News' Misleading Medicare Report (May 10, 2006)

CBS News Misleadingly Reports That Only 8 Million Seniors Have Signed Up For Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Jim Axelrod: "Hoping to nail down at least one clear success story for Republicans to run on this fall, Mr. Bush wants to add another million seniors to the 8 million already signed up." (CBS' "Evening News," 5/9/06) But 37 Million Seniors Have Coverage. Of the more than 42 million people eligible for Medicare, more than 31 million people with Medicare now have Part D-related prescription drug coverage and hundreds of thousands more are enrolling now. Nearly 6 million more eligible beneficiaries have an alternative source of coverage (i.e., they are covered by VA, Indian Health, or they are still working). [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush's Tax Relief Benefits All Taxpayers (May 11, 2006)

Washington Post Editorial Headline: "The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget." "Budgetary dishonesty, distributional unfairness, fiscal irresponsibility - by now the words are so familiar, it can be hard to appreciate how damaging this fiscal course will be. ... This Congress and administration are putting the nation deeper and deeper in debt to benefit a sliver of the population that doesn't need the help." (Editorial, "Tax Cuts, Again; The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget," The Washington Post, 5/11/06) But According To A News Headline In The Same Day's Washington Post: "Voting On Party Lines, Lawmakers Extend Benefits To Middle Class." [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

AP's Misleading Military Recruiting Article (May 11, 2006)

The Associated Press: "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals." (Lolita C. Baldor, "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals," The Associated Press, 5/10/06) But The Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, And Marine Corps Reserve All Have Exceeded Or Achieved Their Year-To-Date Recruitment Goals. The Army National Guard Has Recruited 103 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Air Force Reserve Has Recruited 105 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Marine Corps Reserve Has Recruited 100 Percent Of Its

Year-To-Date Goal. (Department Of Defense, "DoD Announces Recruiting And Retention Numbers For April," Press Release, 5/10/06) [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2006 (May 11, 2006)

Every day, our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow Americans safe. As we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives protecting us, and we honor all those who wear the badge and keep the peace. The law enforcement officers of today carry on the long and proud tradition of service built by their predecessors. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Strengthening Federal Efforts to Protect Against Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to strengthen efforts to protect against identity theft, it is hereby ordered as follows: Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to use Federal resources effectively to deter, prevent, detect, investigate, proceed against, and prosecute unlawful use by persons of the identifying information of other persons, including through: (a) increased aggressive law enforcement actions designed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute identity theft crimes, recover the proceeds of such crimes, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate identity theft. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bush to Welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House (May 8, 2006)

President Bush will welcome Australian Prime Minister John Howard to the White House on May 16, 2006. President Bush looks forward to reviewing with Prime Minister Howard the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. The President will also consult with the Prime Minister on critical regional and global issues. Australia stands as one of America's closest allies and partners, and continues to work with the United States toward the common goals of promoting peace, freedom, and prosperity through fighting terrorism, stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoting an open international economic order.

President Announces Governor Bush to Lead Delegation to Inauguration in Haiti (May 8, 2006)

President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to attend the Inauguration of His Excellency Ren Garc a Pr val, President of the Republic of Haiti on May 14, 2006. The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, will lead the delegation. Members of the Presidential Delegation are: the Honorable Janet Ann Sanderson, United States Ambassador to Haiti, and the Honorable M. Rony Francois, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

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President Bush Delivers Commencement Address at Oklahoma State University (May 6, 2006)

Thank you all very much. President Schmidly, thank you. Members of the Oklahoma State faculty and administration; Governor; people in the Statehouse; members of the United States Congress; distinguished guests; parents, friends, family, and most important, the Class of 2006, thanks for the warm welcome to this great state, and to this fine campus. I'm honored to be here. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Nominates General Michael Hayden as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (May 8, 2006)

Good morning. Today I'm pleased to nominate General Mike Hayden as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mike Hayden is supremely qualified for this position. I've come to know him well as our nation's first Deputy Director of National Intelligence. In that position, he's worked closely with our Director of National Intelligence, John Negroponte, to reform America's intelligence capabilities to meet the threats of a new century. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Discusses Peace Agreement in Sudan (May 8, 2006)

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President Bush and Governor Bush Visit Fire Station in Florida (May 9, 2006)

Jeb and I just were briefed by the firefighters here about the dry conditions that are creating hazards for the people, and Kelley, I appreciate your briefing. He was in charge of putting out that fire yesterday that consumed 450 acres. They think it was caused by a spark out of one of the

utility lines. I've always been impressed by those who are willing to get out and fight the fires, and save lives and save property. I'm surrounded by people who made a career out of that. And I want to thank them for their dedication to service, I want to thank them for the briefing about the threat we find ourselves in, we've got dry and windy conditions. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

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President Bush and Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt Make Remarks to the Travel Pool (May 9, 2006)

I want to thank you all for joining us. I'm proud to be here with Secretary Leavitt. We're traveling the country reminding people that there's a fantastic opportunity for our seniors, and that is Medicare now offers a prescription drug benefit that will save people a lot of money. We just visited with some of our citizens inside there, and they're talking about significant savings. And that's what we want, we want our seniors to be able to have modern medicine. So far a lot of seniors have signed up. It's coming down the stretch toward the May 15th deadline; we want everybody to sign up. We want people to understand that they're going to save a lot of money when it comes to prescription drugs. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Victims of Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

Identity theft is a serious problem in America. I have just listened to the horror stories from fellow citizens who have had their identities stolen. I listened to their ideas about how the federal government can help in the response in not only dealing with those who commit the crime, but helping those who have been victimized. And I want to thank you all for joining us. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Participates in Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit in Florida (May 10, 2006)

I'm here to talk about Medicare. We've got an exciting program and an exciting opportunity for people to improve their lives. So this is an educational forum. This is a chance not only to speak to the folks here, but to those who may be watching on TV about a really interesting opportunity for the seniors all around our country to really improve their lives by signing up for a new opportunity in Medicare. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses NSA Surveillance Program (May 11, 2006)

After September the 11th, I vowed to the American people that our government would do everything within the law to protect them against another terrorist attack. As part of this effort, I authorized the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations. In other words, if al Qaeda or their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they're saying. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Commencement Address (May 11, 2006)

Thanks for the warm welcome. This afternoon, we celebrate commencement in a stadium that is still under repair, near streets lined with temporary housing, in a region where too many lives have been shattered, and there has never been a more hopeful day to graduate in the state of Mississippi. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Former Secretaries of State and Former Secretaries of Defense (May 12, 2006)

I've just completed a second meeting with former Secretaries of State and former Secretaries of Defense on Iraq. We also discussed the broader Middle East, as well. I want to thank you all very much for sharing your thoughts not only with me, but with the Vice President and Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. It really means a lot to hear your thoughts and your concerns and your suggestions about the way forward in Iraq. We've had our disagreements in this country about whether or not we should be there in the first place. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Remarks by the President at Celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (May 12, 2006)

Welcome to the White House. I like to call it the People's House. I'm glad you could join us today to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is the month we recognize the many accomplishments of Americans who trace their origins to the Asian Pacific region, and we honor the contributions they make to our great land. Across our country, Asian Pacific Americans are making their mark in all walks of life, including business and law and politics and education, community service, the arts, and science. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS

President Disappointed in Senate Failure to Pass Real Medical Liability Reform (May 8, 2006)

I am disappointed that the Senate has yet again failed to pass real medical liability reform legislation. Unwilling to take on their trial lawyer supporters, the Democrats led this effort to block these much-needed reforms. Junk lawsuits are driving too many good doctors out of medicine. Women in nearly 1,500 counties are without a single OB-GYN, and frivolous and abusive lawsuits are encouraging the use of defensive medicine, which imposes substantial and unnecessary costs on all Americans. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. I have called on Congress to pass responsible medical liability reforms, and the House of Representatives has acted. It is time for the Senate to put the needs of the American people ahead of the interests of trial lawyers and pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

President Urges Senate to Pass Tax Cut Legislation (May 10, 2006)

The tax cuts we passed in recent years are working to fuel America's economic expansion. Our pro-growth policies have helped the economy create more than 5.2 million jobs since August of 2003, and last year our economy grew faster than that of any other major industrialized nation. By extending key Capital Gains and Dividends tax relief, the House has taken an important step to continue to help hard-working Americans and to keep our economy strong and growing. I appreciate the House Leadership and Chairman Bill Thomas for their hard work. I urge the Senate to vote swiftly so that I can sign this bill into law and put a stop to a massive tax hike that would be disastrous for small businesses, our economy, and all working Americans.

President Applauds Senate for Passing Tax Relief Legislation (May 11, 2006)

I applaud the Senate for passing important tax relief that will help keep our economy strong and growing. This legislation prevents an enormous tax hike that the American people do not want and would not welcome. The bill will extend policies that have helped our economy flourish. We have had 18 straight quarters of growth, including 4.8 percent growth in the last quarter, and the unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. I appreciate the Senate Leadership and Chairman Grassley for their hard work on behalf of American taxpayers and small businesses, and I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

President and Mrs. Bush Saddened by Death of Sonny Montgomery (May 12, 2006)

Laura and I and the entire Bush family are saddened by the death of a good friend and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean War, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (May 8, 2006)

Certain Programs to Build the Capacity of Foreign Military Forces and Related Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code and section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109 163), I direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct or support, within available appropriations, programs that comply with section 1206 for the following countries: Algeria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Yemen. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security (May 8, 2006)

Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429) are assigned to the Secretary of State. In the performance of such functions, the Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan. By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Continuation of the National Emergency Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Export of Certain Goods to Syria (May 8, 2006)

On May 11, 2004, pursuant to my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701- 1706) and the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), I issued Executive Order 13338 in which I declared a national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation or reexportation of certain goods to Syria. On April 25, 2006, I issued Executive Order 13399 to expand the scope of this national emergency. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Message to the Congress of the United States (May 8, 2006)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL FACT SHEETS

General Michael V. Hayden: The Right Leader for the CIA (May 8, 2006)

Key Reasons General Hayden Is The Right Pick: General Hayden Is One Of The Most Qualified Candidates Ever To Be Nominated To Head The CIA. After More Than 20 Years Of Experience In The Intelligence Business, General Hayden Has Extensive Experience As Both A Provider And Customer Of Intelligence. General Hayden Has Broad And Deep Experience In Human And Technical Intelligence. He has served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency, and Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center these positions required a comprehensive understanding of intelligence collection and analysis. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Brett M. Kavanaugh: Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (May 8, 2006)

Throughout His Career, Brett M. Kavanaugh Has Demonstrated Legal Excellence And The Fair-Minded Temperament To Serve As A Federal Appellate Judge. Kavanaugh has an extraordinary range of experience in the public and private sectors. He has dedicated the majority of his 16 years of practice to public service as an appellate lawyer, a government lawyer, and an Assistant to the President. Brett M. Kavanaugh Is Superbly Qualified For The D.C. Circuit. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Darfur Agreement: A Step Toward Peace (May 8, 2006)

Last Friday, The Government Of Sudan And The Largest Darfur Rebel Group Signed An Agreement And Took A Step Toward Peace. We are still far from our ultimate goal of returning millions of displaced people to their homes so they can have a life without fear, but we can now see a way forward. The President is particularly grateful for the leadership of President Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (May 9, 2006)

Today, President Bush Discussed How Signing Up For The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program Can Help Beneficiaries Save Money And Get The Drugs They Need. When President Bush came into office, Medicare was outdated and not meeting the needs of America's seniors. The Congress passed, and the President signed into law, legislation to modernize Medicare by providing preventive care, offering seniors more choices, and giving seniors better access to the prescription drugs they need. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

General Michael V. Hayden: Extremely Well Qualified to Lead the CIA (May 10, 2006)

General Hayden Has Served At The Highest Levels Of The Intel Community. General Hayden served as Director of the National Security Agency for six years before assuming the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served in the intelligence community for more than 20 years and brings vast experience in technical and human source collection, intelligence analysis, and policy support, including overseas postings in Europe and Asia. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The President's Identity Theft Task Force (May 10, 2006)

Today, President Bush Signed An Executive Order Creating The Nation's First Ever "Identity Theft Task Force." This task force will marshal the resources of the Federal government to crack down on the criminals who traffic in stolen identities and protect American families from this devastating crime. The Identity Theft Task Force Is An Important Step Forward In The Fight Against Identity Theft. The President's Identity Theft Task Force Reinforces And Intensifies The Administration's Commitment To Deal With Identity Theft. This task force, chaired by the Attorney General and the FTC Chair, strengthens our efforts to protect the financial information of our citizens. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The ABA Finds Brett Kavanaugh Is "Indeed Qualified to Serve on the Federal Bench" (May 8, 2006)

"In 42 votes cast in the three ABA reviews, all 42 found Mr. Kavanaugh to be well qualified or qualified to serve on the DC Circuit. The ABA itself says that even the lowest of the three ratings is, in its words, 'a very high standard.'" White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, May 8, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

USA Today's Misleading Medicare Story (May 9, 2006)

Millions Of Minorities Are Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. USA Today Claims "Poor, Often Minority" Medicare Beneficiaries Are Not Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. "While millions of seniors and people with disabilities are signing up and saving money, the program is being used least by those who could benefit most: poor, often minority Medicare beneficiaries" (Richard Wolf, "Those Most In Need May Miss Drug Benefit Sign-up," USA Today, 5/9/06). But By April, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible African Americans, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible Hispanics, And More Than 75 Percent Of Eligible Asian Americans Are Enrolled Or Have Retiree Drug Coverage. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The New York Times Continues to Ignore America's Economic Progress (May 10, 2006)

The New York Times Says "Fixed Costs, Like Housing, Health Care And Gasoline" Are "Rapidly Outpacing" Paychecks And Benefits. (Editorial, "Barely Staying Afloat," The New York Times, 5/10/06) But Average Hourly Earnings Have Risen 3.8 Percent Over The Past 12 Months, Their Largest Increase In Nearly Five Years. Hourly compensation rose at a 5.7 percent rate in the first quarter. Personal income rose 0.5 percent in March. Real After-Tax Income Has Risen By 13.8 Percent Since January 2001. Real after-tax income has risen by \$2,398 (8.2 percent) per person since January 2001. Securities Prices Show The Market Believes That Inflation Is Expected To Remain In Check. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

CBS News' Misleading Medicare Report (May 10, 2006)

CBS News Misleadingly Reports That Only 8 Million Seniors Have Signed Up For Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Jim Axelrod: "Hoping to nail down at least one clear success story for Republicans to run on this fall, Mr. Bush wants to add another million seniors to the 8 million already signed up." (CBS' "Evening News," 5/9/06) But 37 Million Seniors Have Coverage. Of the more than 42 million people eligible for Medicare, more than 31 million people with Medicare now have Part D-related prescription drug coverage and hundreds of thousands more are enrolling now. Nearly 6 million more eligible beneficiaries have an alternative source of coverage (i.e., they are covered by VA, Indian Health, or they are still working). [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush's Tax Relief Benefits All Taxpayers (May 11, 2006)

Washington Post Editorial Headline: "The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget." "Budgetary dishonesty, distributional unfairness, fiscal irresponsibility - by now the words are so familiar, it can be hard to appreciate how damaging this fiscal course will be. ... This Congress and administration are putting the nation deeper and deeper in debt to benefit a sliver of the population that doesn't need the help." (Editorial, "Tax Cuts, Again; The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget," The Washington Post, 5/11/06) But According To A News Headline In The Same Day's Washington Post: "Voting On Party Lines, Lawmakers Extend Benefits To Middle Class." [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

AP's Misleading Military Recruiting Article (May 11, 2006)

The Associated Press: "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals." (Lolita C. Baldor, "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals," The Associated Press, 5/10/06) But The Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, And Marine Corps Reserve All Have Exceeded Or Achieved Their Year-To-Date Recruitment Goals. The Army National Guard Has Recruited 103 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Air Force Reserve Has Recruited 105 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Marine Corps Reserve Has Recruited 100 Percent Of Its

Year-To-Date Goal. (Department Of Defense, "DoD Announces Recruiting And Retention Numbers For April," Press Release, 5/10/06) [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2006 (May 11, 2006)

Every day, our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow Americans safe. As we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives protecting us, and we honor all those who wear the badge and keep the peace. The law enforcement officers of today carry on the long and proud tradition of service built by their predecessors. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Strengthening Federal Efforts to Protect Against Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to strengthen efforts to protect against identity theft, it is hereby ordered as follows: Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to use Federal resources effectively to deter, prevent, detect, investigate, proceed against, and prosecute unlawful use by persons of the identifying information of other persons, including through: (a) increased aggressive law enforcement actions designed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute identity theft crimes, recover the proceeds of such crimes, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate identity theft. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bush to Welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House (May 8, 2006)

President Bush will welcome Australian Prime Minister John Howard to the White House on May 16, 2006. President Bush looks forward to reviewing with Prime Minister Howard the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. The President will also consult with the Prime Minister on critical regional and global issues. Australia stands as one of America's closest allies and partners, and continues to work with the United States toward the common goals of promoting peace, freedom, and prosperity through fighting terrorism, stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoting an open international economic order.

President Announces Governor Bush to Lead Delegation to Inauguration in Haiti (May 8, 2006)

President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to attend the Inauguration of His Excellency Ren Garc a Pr val, President of the Republic of Haiti on May 14, 2006. The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, will lead the delegation. Members of the Presidential Delegation are: the Honorable Janet Ann Sanderson, United States Ambassador to Haiti, and the Honorable M. Rony Francois, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

This week, the President announced his intention to nominate, designate, or appoint the following individuals to serve in his Administration:

Nominate **Thomas D. Anderson**, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice Peter W. Hall, resigned.

Nominate **Gayleatha Beatrice Brown**, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

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Nominate **Chad Colley**, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Peter R. Coneway**, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Nominate **Neil M. Gorsuch**, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice David M. Ebel, retired.

Nominate **General Michael V. Hayden**, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Porter J. Goss, resigned.

Nominate **Troy R. Justesen**, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, vice Susan K. Sclafani.

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Nominate **Christina B. Rocca**, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Nominate **Eric Solomon**, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

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Nominate **William H. Tobey**, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Paul Morgan Longworth, resigned.

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What I thought I would do is spend a little time talking about the new Medicare program. The reason I'm doing this, because I want people to sign up. And then I'll answer some questions if you have some. And then I'm going to go to Orlando and do the same thing tomorrow morning -- just like I did earlier in South Florida. And the reason why I'm doing this is because we have changed Medicare for the better, but sometimes change creates anxieties. In other words, people say, well, maybe I don't want to change. I kind of like it the way things are, but we have a duty to educate people and give them a chance to see what's available. And that's what I'm doing. That's what you want your President to do. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt Make Remarks to the Travel Pool (May 9, 2006)

I want to thank you all for joining us. I'm proud to be here with Secretary Leavitt. We're traveling the country reminding people that there's a fantastic opportunity for our seniors, and that is Medicare now offers a prescription drug benefit that will save people a lot of money. We just visited with some of our citizens inside there, and they're talking about significant savings. And that's what we want, we want our seniors to be able to have modern medicine. So far a lot of seniors have signed up. It's coming down the stretch toward the May 15th deadline; we want everybody to sign up. We want people to understand that they're going to save a lot of money when it comes to prescription drugs. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Victims of Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

Identity theft is a serious problem in America. I have just listened to the horror stories from fellow citizens who have had their identities stolen. I listened to their ideas about how the federal government can help in the response in not only dealing with those who commit the crime, but helping those who have been victimized. And I want to thank you all for joining us. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Participates in Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit in Florida (May 10, 2006)

I'm here to talk about Medicare. We've got an exciting program and an exciting opportunity for people to improve their lives. So this is an educational forum. This is a chance not only to speak to the folks here, but to those who may be watching on TV about a really interesting opportunity for the seniors all around our country to really improve their lives by signing up for a new opportunity in Medicare. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses NSA Surveillance Program (May 11, 2006)

After September the 11th, I vowed to the American people that our government would do everything within the law to protect them against another terrorist attack. As part of this effort, I authorized the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations. In other words, if al Qaeda or their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they're saying. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Commencement Address (May 11, 2006)

Thanks for the warm welcome. This afternoon, we celebrate commencement in a stadium that is still under repair, near streets lined with temporary housing, in a region where too many lives have been shattered, and there has never been a more hopeful day to graduate in the state of Mississippi. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Former Secretaries of State and Former Secretaries of Defense (May 12, 2006)

I've just completed a second meeting with former Secretaries of State and former Secretaries of Defense on Iraq. We also discussed the broader Middle East, as well. I want to thank you all very much for sharing your thoughts not only with me, but with the Vice President and Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. It really means a lot to hear your thoughts and your concerns and your suggestions about the way forward in Iraq. We've had our disagreements in this country about whether or not we should be there in the first place. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Remarks by the President at Celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (May 12, 2006)

Welcome to the White House. I like to call it the People's House. I'm glad you could join us today to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is the month we recognize the many accomplishments of Americans who trace their origins to the Asian Pacific region, and we honor the contributions they make to our great land. Across our country, Asian Pacific Americans are making their mark in all walks of life, including business and law and politics and education, community service, the arts, and science. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS

President Disappointed in Senate Failure to Pass Real Medical Liability Reform (May 8, 2006)

I am disappointed that the Senate has yet again failed to pass real medical liability reform legislation. Unwilling to take on their trial lawyer supporters, the Democrats led this effort to block these much-needed reforms. Junk lawsuits are driving too many good doctors out of medicine. Women in nearly 1,500 counties are without a single OB-GYN, and frivolous and abusive lawsuits are encouraging the use of defensive medicine, which imposes substantial and unnecessary costs on all Americans. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. I have called on Congress to pass responsible medical liability reforms, and the House of Representatives has acted. It is time for the Senate to put the needs of the American people ahead of the interests of trial lawyers and pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

President Urges Senate to Pass Tax Cut Legislation (May 10, 2006)

The tax cuts we passed in recent years are working to fuel America's economic expansion. Our pro-growth policies have helped the economy create more than 5.2 million jobs since August of 2003, and last year our economy grew faster than that of any other major industrialized nation. By extending key Capital Gains and Dividends tax relief, the House has taken an important step to continue to help hard-working Americans and to keep our economy strong and growing. I appreciate the House Leadership and Chairman Bill Thomas for their hard work. I urge the Senate to vote swiftly so that I can sign this bill into law and put a stop to a massive tax hike that would be disastrous for small businesses, our economy, and all working Americans.

President Applauds Senate for Passing Tax Relief Legislation (May 11, 2006)

I applaud the Senate for passing important tax relief that will help keep our economy strong and growing. This legislation prevents an enormous tax hike that the American people do not want and would not welcome. The bill will extend policies that have helped our economy flourish. We have had 18 straight quarters of growth, including 4.8 percent growth in the last quarter, and the unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. I appreciate the Senate Leadership and Chairman Grassley for their hard work on behalf of American taxpayers and small businesses, and I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

President and Mrs. Bush Saddened by Death of Sonny Montgomery (May 12, 2006)

Laura and I and the entire Bush family are saddened by the death of a good friend and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean War, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (May 8, 2006)

Certain Programs to Build the Capacity of Foreign Military Forces and Related Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code and section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109 163), I direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct or support, within available appropriations, programs that comply with section 1206 for the following countries: Algeria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Yemen. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security (May 8, 2006)

Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429) are assigned to the Secretary of State. In the performance of such functions, the Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan. By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Continuation of the National Emergency Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Export of Certain Goods to Syria (May 8, 2006)

On May 11, 2004, pursuant to my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701- 1706) and the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), I issued Executive Order 13338 in which I declared a national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation or reexportation of certain goods to Syria. On April 25, 2006, I issued Executive Order 13399 to expand the scope of this national emergency. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Message to the Congress of the United States (May 8, 2006)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL FACT SHEETS

General Michael V. Hayden: The Right Leader for the CIA (May 8, 2006)

Key Reasons General Hayden Is The Right Pick: General Hayden Is One Of The Most Qualified Candidates Ever To Be Nominated To Head The CIA. After More Than 20 Years Of Experience In The Intelligence Business, General Hayden Has Extensive Experience As Both A Provider And Customer Of Intelligence. General Hayden Has Broad And Deep Experience In Human And Technical Intelligence. He has served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency, and Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center these positions required a comprehensive understanding of intelligence collection and analysis. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Brett M. Kavanaugh: Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (May 8, 2006)

Throughout His Career, Brett M. Kavanaugh Has Demonstrated Legal Excellence And The Fair-Minded Temperament To Serve As A Federal Appellate Judge. Kavanaugh has an extraordinary range of experience in the public and private sectors. He has dedicated the majority of his 16 years of practice to public service as an appellate lawyer, a government lawyer, and an Assistant to the President. Brett M. Kavanaugh Is Superbly Qualified For The D.C. Circuit. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Darfur Agreement: A Step Toward Peace (May 8, 2006)

Last Friday, The Government Of Sudan And The Largest Darfur Rebel Group Signed An Agreement And Took A Step Toward Peace. We are still far from our ultimate goal of returning millions of displaced people to their homes so they can have a life without fear, but we can now see a way forward. The President is particularly grateful for the leadership of President Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (May 9, 2006)

Today, President Bush Discussed How Signing Up For The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program Can Help Beneficiaries Save Money And Get The Drugs They Need. When President Bush came into office, Medicare was outdated and not meeting the needs of America's seniors. The Congress passed, and the President signed into law, legislation to modernize Medicare by providing preventive care, offering seniors more choices, and giving seniors better access to the prescription drugs they need. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

General Michael V. Hayden: Extremely Well Qualified to Lead the CIA (May 10, 2006)

General Hayden Has Served At The Highest Levels Of The Intel Community. General Hayden served as Director of the National Security Agency for six years before assuming the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served in the intelligence community for more than 20 years and brings vast experience in technical and human source collection, intelligence analysis, and policy support, including overseas postings in Europe and Asia. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The President's Identity Theft Task Force (May 10, 2006)

Today, President Bush Signed An Executive Order Creating The Nation's First Ever "Identity Theft Task Force." This task force will marshal the resources of the Federal government to crack down on the criminals who traffic in stolen identities and protect American families from this devastating crime. The Identity Theft Task Force Is An Important Step Forward In The Fight Against Identity Theft. The President's Identity Theft Task Force Reinforces And Intensifies The Administration's Commitment To Deal With Identity Theft. This task force, chaired by the Attorney General and the FTC Chair, strengthens our efforts to protect the financial information of our citizens. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The ABA Finds Brett Kavanaugh Is "Indeed Qualified to Serve on the Federal Bench" (May 8, 2006)

"In 42 votes cast in the three ABA reviews, all 42 found Mr. Kavanaugh to be well qualified or qualified to serve on the DC Circuit. The ABA itself says that even the lowest of the three ratings is, in its words, 'a very high standard.'" White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, May 8, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

USA Today's Misleading Medicare Story (May 9, 2006)

Millions Of Minorities Are Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. USA Today Claims "Poor, Often Minority" Medicare Beneficiaries Are Not Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. "While millions of seniors and people with disabilities are signing up and saving money, the program is being used least by those who could benefit most: poor, often minority Medicare beneficiaries" (Richard Wolf, "Those Most In Need May Miss Drug Benefit Sign-up," USA Today, 5/9/06). But By April, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible African Americans, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible Hispanics, And More Than 75 Percent Of Eligible Asian Americans Are Enrolled Or Have Retiree Drug Coverage. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The New York Times Continues to Ignore America's Economic Progress (May 10, 2006)

The New York Times Says "Fixed Costs, Like Housing, Health Care And Gasoline" Are "Rapidly Outpacing" Paychecks And Benefits. (Editorial, "Barely Staying Afloat," The New York Times, 5/10/06) But Average Hourly Earnings Have Risen 3.8 Percent Over The Past 12 Months, Their Largest Increase In Nearly Five Years. Hourly compensation rose at a 5.7 percent rate in the first quarter. Personal income rose 0.5 percent in March. Real After-Tax Income Has Risen By 13.8 Percent Since January 2001. Real after-tax income has risen by \$2,398 (8.2 percent) per person since January 2001. Securities Prices Show The Market Believes That Inflation Is Expected To Remain In Check. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

CBS News' Misleading Medicare Report (May 10, 2006)

CBS News Misleadingly Reports That Only 8 Million Seniors Have Signed Up For Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Jim Axelrod: "Hoping to nail down at least one clear success story for Republicans to run on this fall, Mr. Bush wants to add another million seniors to the 8 million already signed up." (CBS' "Evening News," 5/9/06) But 37 Million Seniors Have Coverage. Of the more than 42 million people eligible for Medicare, more than 31 million people with Medicare now have Part D-related prescription drug coverage and hundreds of thousands more are enrolling now. Nearly 6 million more eligible beneficiaries have an alternative source of coverage (i.e., they are covered by VA, Indian Health, or they are still working). [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush's Tax Relief Benefits All Taxpayers (May 11, 2006)

Washington Post Editorial Headline: "The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget." "Budgetary dishonesty, distributional unfairness, fiscal irresponsibility - by now the words are so familiar, it can be hard to appreciate how damaging this fiscal course will be. ... This Congress and administration are putting the nation deeper and deeper in debt to benefit a sliver of the population that doesn't need the help." (Editorial, "Tax Cuts, Again; The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget," The Washington Post, 5/11/06) But According To A News Headline In The Same Day's Washington Post: "Voting On Party Lines, Lawmakers Extend Benefits To Middle Class." [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

AP's Misleading Military Recruiting Article (May 11, 2006)

The Associated Press: "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals." (Lolita C. Baldor, "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals," The Associated Press, 5/10/06) But The Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, And Marine Corps Reserve All Have Exceeded Or Achieved Their Year-To-Date Recruitment Goals. The Army National Guard Has Recruited 103 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Air Force Reserve Has Recruited 105 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Marine Corps Reserve Has Recruited 100 Percent Of Its

Year-To-Date Goal. (Department Of Defense, "DoD Announces Recruiting And Retention Numbers For April," Press Release, 5/10/06) [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2006 (May 11, 2006)

Every day, our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow Americans safe. As we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives protecting us, and we honor all those who wear the badge and keep the peace. The law enforcement officers of today carry on the long and proud tradition of service built by their predecessors. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Strengthening Federal Efforts to Protect Against Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to strengthen efforts to protect against identity theft, it is hereby ordered as follows: Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to use Federal resources effectively to deter, prevent, detect, investigate, proceed against, and prosecute unlawful use by persons of the identifying information of other persons, including through: (a) increased aggressive law enforcement actions designed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute identity theft crimes, recover the proceeds of such crimes, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate identity theft. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bush to Welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House (May 8, 2006)

President Bush will welcome Australian Prime Minister John Howard to the White House on May 16, 2006. President Bush looks forward to reviewing with Prime Minister Howard the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. The President will also consult with the Prime Minister on critical regional and global issues. Australia stands as one of America's closest allies and partners, and continues to work with the United States toward the common goals of promoting peace, freedom, and prosperity through fighting terrorism, stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoting an open international economic order.

President Announces Governor Bush to Lead Delegation to Inauguration in Haiti (May 8, 2006)

President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to attend the Inauguration of His Excellency Renard Prival, President of the Republic of Haiti on May 14, 2006. The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, will lead the delegation. Members of the Presidential Delegation are: the Honorable Janet Ann Sanderson, United States Ambassador to Haiti, and the Honorable M. Rony Francois, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

This week, the President announced his intention to nominate, designate, or appoint the following individuals to serve in his Administration:

Nominate **Thomas D. Anderson**, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice Peter W. Hall, resigned.

Nominate **Gayleatha Beatrice Brown**, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Nominate **Victoria Ray Carlson**, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Chad Colley**, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Peter R. Coneway**, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Nominate **Neil M. Gorsuch**, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice David M. Ebel, retired.

Nominate **General Michael V. Hayden**, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Porter J. Goss, resigned.

Nominate **Troy R. Justesen**, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, vice Susan K. Sclafani.

Nominate **Lisa Mattheiss**, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Christina B. Rocca**, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Nominate **Eric Solomon**, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

Nominate **W. Stuart Symington, IV**, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Nominate **William H. Tobey**, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Paul Morgan Longworth, resigned.

Nominate **John R. Vaughn**, of Florida, and upon confirmation designate Chairman, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Ellen C. Williams**, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, for the remainder of a nine-year term expiring December 8, 2007.

Appoint **Linda Leuchter Addison**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Martin Berson Gold**, of the District of Columbia (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring July 13, 2008.

Appoint **Ronald H. Bloom**, of California, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **David A. Burke**, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Robert A. Gleason, Jr.**, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Mordechai E. Gobiuff**, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Sean M. Healey**, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the President's Export Council.

Appoint **Arthur E. Johnson**, of Virginia, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

Appoint **Richard R. Kilgust**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Andrew M. Klein**, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Harley Lippman**, of New York (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring August 9, 2007.

Appoint **Walter B. McCormick, Jr.**, of Missouri, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

Appoint **J. Bryan Pickens**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Harvey W. Schiller**, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Linda O. Shaw**, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Elizabeth May Stern**, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Robert Zarnegin**, of California, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

CABINET HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Location	Audience/Event	Topic/Activity
U.S. Department of Commerce - Secretary Carlos Gutierrez			
15-May	Philadelphia, PA	Naturalization Ceremony; Political Event with Representative Curt Weldon (R-PA); Participate in a Small Business Tour and Roundtable	Remarks on Immigration; Remarks on the Economy and Jobs; Tour and Roundtable
17-May	Washington, D.C.	Team 100 Breakfast	Remarks on the Economy and the President's Initiatives
18-May	Washington, D.C.	Sperling Breakfast	Remarks on the Economy and the President's Initiatives
19-May	Washington, D.C.	Georgetown University McDonough School of Business MBA Awards and Diploma Ceremony	Remarks on the Economy
U.S. Department of Education - Secretary Margaret Spellings			
15-May	Washington, D.C.	First National Summit on the Advancement of Girls in Math and Science	Host the Summit and Remarks
17-May	Rockville, MD	Montgomery College Graduation Ceremony	Commencement Address
19-21 May	Islamabad, Pakistan	U.S./Pakistan Dialogue on Education	Follow-Up on the President's Trip and Announcement of Key Areas of Cooperation Between the U.S. and Pakistan Including Education
U.S. Department of Energy - Secretary Samuel W. Bodman			
17-May	Washington, D.C.	Republican National Committee Advisory Board & President's Club Luncheon	Remarks
19-May	Port Arthur, TX	Visit Motiva Refinery; Media Availability	Highlight Refinery Expansion Plans and the President's Four Point Plan

19-May	El Paso, TX	Meeting with El Paso del Norte (Group of Business Leaders that Focus on Business Development and Infrastructure on the Border)	Remarks on the President's Security and Prosperity Partnership, Advanced Energy Initiative, and Other Regional Issues
19-May	Amarillo, TX	Visit the DOE Pantex Facility; Meeting with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and Business Leaders	Visit and Conduct an All Hands Meeting; Remarks on the Advanced Energy Initiative and the American Competitiveness Initiative
20-May	Houston, TX	South Texas College of Law	Commencement Address to Promote the American Competitiveness Initiative and Discuss the Merits of Public Service in a Legal Career
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Secretary Michael O. Leavitt			
18-May	Washington, D.C.	Tribal Summit on Pandemic Response and Emergency Planning	Remarks on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Federal Efforts to Prepare for a Pandemic
19-23 May	Geneva, Switzerland	World Health Assembly Meeting	Meetings with Various Ministers of Health on Bilateral Issues of Mutual Significance and Host a Reception for Heads of Delegations
U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Secretary Michael Chertoff			
16-May	Raleigh, NC	Meeting and Press Availability with Governor Michael Easley (R)	Discuss Hurricane Preparedness with the Governor; Press Conference
16-May	Atlanta, GA	Meeting and Press Availability with Governor Sonny Perdue (R)	Discuss Hurricane Preparedness with the Governor; Press Conference
17-May	New London, CT	2006 U.S. Coast Guard Graduation	Commencement Address on the Importance of the Coast Guard to DHS and their Heroic Efforts During Hurricane Katrina
U.S. Department of Justice - Attorney General Alberto Gonzales			
17-May	Beltsville, MD	Meeting with the FBI Innocent Images Unit	Meeting; Receive Demonstration of the Unit

17-May	Washington, DC	Project Safe Childhood Press Conference	Remarks; Question and Answer Session; and the Project Safe Childhood Roll Out
18-May	Dallas, TX	National Methamphetamine & Chemicals Initiative Strategy Conference with Daniel Cabeza de Vaca, Mexican Attorney General; WW Samuell High School Visit; Roundtable ; Meeting with Dallas Area DOJ Staff	Remarks; Question and Answer Session; Roundtable Discussion
19-May	Houston, TX	The Houston Forum; Houston Chronicle Editorial Board	Remarks on Homeland Security, the Patriot Act, and Judicial Confirmations; Questions and Answers; Issues Discussion
20-May	Houston, TX	Leadership Houston's 25th Anniversary Gala	Receive the "Distinguished Leadership Award" and Deliver Remarks
U.S. Department of Labor - Secretary Elaine Chao			
21-May	Milwaukee, WI	Marquette University Commencement	Commencement Address to Focus on the President's Successful Economic Policies
U.S. Department of Transportation - Secretary Norman Y. Mineta			
16-May	Washington, D.C.	Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) 12 th Annual Gala Dinner	Remarks Honoring the APAICS Lifetime Achievement Award to Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI)
16-May	Washington, D.C.	National Retail Federation's Washington Leadership Conference	Remarks to Roll Out the Department's Congestion Mitigation Plans
17-May	Atlanta, GA	Home Depot Tour and Press Conference on Congestion	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
17-May	Lexington, KY	Amazon.com Tour; Press Conference	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
18-May	Washington, D.C.	Wilson Bridge Dedication Ceremony	Remarks on the Dedication of the New Wilson Bridge
19-May	Salt Lake City, UT	Tour of the Overstock.com Facility; News Conference	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
19-May	Albuquerque, NM	Tour of the Eclipse Aviation Assembly Plant; Press Conference	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices

20-May	Washington, D.C.	National Defense Transportation Association National Transportation Week Reception	Remarks on the Congestion Plan and Gas Prices
U.S. Department of Treasury - Secretary John Snow			
15-May	Washington, D.C.	Luncheon with the Virginia Business Council	Remarks on the Economy
19-May	New York, NY	Bond Market Association's Annual Meeting; Press Interviews	Remarks
19-21 May	Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	Broader Middle East and North Africa Initiative Conference	Meeting with Various Finance Ministers; Breakfast with Arab Business Council CEO's, and a Reception with Financial Services CEO's
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Secretary Jim Nicholson			
16-May	Washington, D.C.	16th Annual Secretary's Awards for Excellence in Chaplaincy	Remarks
16-May	Washington, D.C.	The IXth Olympic Dinner Hosted by the United States Olympic Committee	Remarks
17-May	Washington, D.C.	2006 Public Policy Roundtable Series Hosted by Coach Kathy Kemper, Founder and CEO, Institute for Education	Remarks on Veterans Issues
20-May	Denver, CO	University of Denver, Sturm College of Law Spring Commencement	Commencement Address
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Administrator Stephen L. Johnson			
15-May	Brussels, Belgium	Background Briefing at U.S. Mission to the European Union; Meetings with Stravos Dimas, European Union Environment Commissioner, Andris Piebalgs, European Union Energy Commissioner, and Silva Rodriguez, European Union Director-General for Research; Dinner with Boyden Gray, U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, and TBD European Union Officials	Discuss Issues of Common Interest

16-May	Paris, France	Meetings with Craig Roberts Stapleton, U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic, The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Leadership; Lunch with Ambassador Morella, U.S. Ambassador to the OECD	Discuss Issues of Common Interest
18-May	Washington, D.C.	National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology Meeting	Remarks on Science and Technology
19-May	Upland, IN	Meeting with Students in the Undergraduate and Master's Program for Environmental Science	Commencement Event
20-May	Upland, IN	Taylor University Graduation; Luncheon	Commencement Address
U.S. Trade Representative - Ambassador Robert Portman			
19-May	Chicago, IL	Chicago Council on Foreign Relations and Editorial Board for the Chicago Tribune	Remarks on Updates of the Doha Trade Agenda
U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy - Director John Walters			
18-May	Dallas, TX	National Methamphetamine Chemical Initiative Conference; Press Conference with Mexican Attorney General, Cabeza de Vaca	Discuss Cross-Border Trafficking of Meth



REGIONAL REPORT TO THE CABINET
FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING WITH MAY 8, 2006

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

President's Radio Address (May 6, 2006)

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President Bush Delivers Commencement Address at Oklahoma State University (May 6, 2006)

Thank you all very much. President Schmidly, thank you. Members of the Oklahoma State faculty and administration; Governor; people in the Statehouse; members of the United States Congress; distinguished guests; parents, friends, family, and most important, the Class of 2006, thanks for the warm welcome to this great state, and to this fine campus. I'm honored to be here. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Nominates General Michael Hayden as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (May 8, 2006)

Good morning. Today I'm pleased to nominate General Mike Hayden as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mike Hayden is supremely qualified for this position. I've come to know him well as our nation's first Deputy Director of National Intelligence. In that position, he's worked closely with our Director of National Intelligence, John Negroponte, to reform America's intelligence capabilities to meet the threats of a new century. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Discusses Peace Agreement in Sudan (May 8, 2006)

I want to thank Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for joining me, and I also want to thank Deputy Secretary of State Bob Zoellick. He has just briefed me on his trip to Abuja, where he has played a very important role in setting up a peace agreement between the government of Sudan and a major rebel group in the Darfur region. Congratulations on a job well done, Bob. Thank you. Last week we saw the beginnings of hope for the people of Darfur. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Governor Bush Visit Fire Station in Florida (May 9, 2006)

Jeb and I just were briefed by the firefighters here about the dry conditions that are creating hazards for the people, and Kelley, I appreciate your briefing. He was in charge of putting out that fire yesterday that consumed 450 acres. They think it was caused by a spark out of one of the

utility lines. I've always been impressed by those who are willing to get out and fight the fires, and save lives and save property. I'm surrounded by people who made a career out of that. And I want to thank them for their dedication to service, I want to thank them for the briefing about the threat we find ourselves in, we've got dry and windy conditions. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (May 9, 2006)

What I thought I would do is spend a little time talking about the new Medicare program. The reason I'm doing this, because I want people to sign up. And then I'll answer some questions if you have some. And then I'm going to go to Orlando and do the same thing tomorrow morning -- just like I did earlier in South Florida. And the reason why I'm doing this is because we have changed Medicare for the better, but sometimes change creates anxieties. In other words, people say, well, maybe I don't want to change. I kind of like it the way things are, but we have a duty to educate people and give them a chance to see what's available. And that's what I'm doing. That's what you want your President to do. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt Make Remarks to the Travel Pool (May 9, 2006)

I want to thank you all for joining us. I'm proud to be here with Secretary Leavitt. We're traveling the country reminding people that there's a fantastic opportunity for our seniors, and that is Medicare now offers a prescription drug benefit that will save people a lot of money. We just visited with some of our citizens inside there, and they're talking about significant savings. And that's what we want, we want our seniors to be able to have modern medicine. So far a lot of seniors have signed up. It's coming down the stretch toward the May 15th deadline; we want everybody to sign up. We want people to understand that they're going to save a lot of money when it comes to prescription drugs. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Victims of Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

Identity theft is a serious problem in America. I have just listened to the horror stories from fellow citizens who have had their identities stolen. I listened to their ideas about how the federal government can help in the response in not only dealing with those who commit the crime, but helping those who have been victimized. And I want to thank you all for joining us. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Participates in Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit in Florida (May 10, 2006)

I'm here to talk about Medicare. We've got an exciting program and an exciting opportunity for people to improve their lives. So this is an educational forum. This is a chance not only to speak to the folks here, but to those who may be watching on TV about a really interesting opportunity for the seniors all around our country to really improve their lives by signing up for a new opportunity in Medicare. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses NSA Surveillance Program (May 11, 2006)

After September the 11th, I vowed to the American people that our government would do everything within the law to protect them against another terrorist attack. As part of this effort, I authorized the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations. In other words, if al Qaeda or their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they're saying. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Commencement Address (May 11, 2006)

Thanks for the warm welcome. This afternoon, we celebrate commencement in a stadium that is still under repair, near streets lined with temporary housing, in a region where too many lives have been shattered, and there has never been a more hopeful day to graduate in the state of Mississippi. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Former Secretaries of State and Former Secretaries of Defense (May 12, 2006)

I've just completed a second meeting with former Secretaries of State and former Secretaries of Defense on Iraq. We also discussed the broader Middle East, as well. I want to thank you all very much for sharing your thoughts not only with me, but with the Vice President and Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. It really means a lot to hear your thoughts and your concerns and your suggestions about the way forward in Iraq. We've had our disagreements in this country about whether or not we should be there in the first place. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Remarks by the President at Celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (May 12, 2006)

Welcome to the White House. I like to call it the People's House. I'm glad you could join us today to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is the month we recognize the many accomplishments of Americans who trace their origins to the Asian Pacific region, and we honor the contributions they make to our great land. Across our country, Asian Pacific Americans are making their mark in all walks of life, including business and law and politics and education, community service, the arts, and science. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS

President Disappointed in Senate Failure to Pass Real Medical Liability Reform (May 8, 2006)

I am disappointed that the Senate has yet again failed to pass real medical liability reform legislation. Unwilling to take on their trial lawyer supporters, the Democrats led this effort to block these much-needed reforms. Junk lawsuits are driving too many good doctors out of medicine. Women in nearly 1,500 counties are without a single OB-GYN, and frivolous and abusive lawsuits are encouraging the use of defensive medicine, which imposes substantial and unnecessary costs on all Americans. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. I have called on Congress to pass responsible medical liability reforms, and the House of Representatives has acted. It is time for the Senate to put the needs of the American people ahead of the interests of trial lawyers and pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

President Urges Senate to Pass Tax Cut Legislation (May 10, 2006)

The tax cuts we passed in recent years are working to fuel America's economic expansion. Our pro-growth policies have helped the economy create more than 5.2 million jobs since August of 2003, and last year our economy grew faster than that of any other major industrialized nation. By extending key Capital Gains and Dividends tax relief, the House has taken an important step to continue to help hard-working Americans and to keep our economy strong and growing. I appreciate the House Leadership and Chairman Bill Thomas for their hard work. I urge the Senate to vote swiftly so that I can sign this bill into law and put a stop to a massive tax hike that would be disastrous for small businesses, our economy, and all working Americans.

President Applauds Senate for Passing Tax Relief Legislation (May 11, 2006)

I applaud the Senate for passing important tax relief that will help keep our economy strong and growing. This legislation prevents an enormous tax hike that the American people do not want and would not welcome. The bill will extend policies that have helped our economy flourish. We have had 18 straight quarters of growth, including 4.8 percent growth in the last quarter, and the unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. I appreciate the Senate Leadership and Chairman Grassley for their hard work on behalf of American taxpayers and small businesses, and I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

President and Mrs. Bush Saddened by Death of Sonny Montgomery (May 12, 2006)

Laura and I and the entire Bush family are saddened by the death of a good friend and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean War, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (May 8, 2006)

Certain Programs to Build the Capacity of Foreign Military Forces and Related Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code and section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109 163), I direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct or support, within available appropriations, programs that comply with section 1206 for the following countries: Algeria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Yemen. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security (May 8, 2006)

Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429) are assigned to the Secretary of State. In the performance of such functions, the Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan. By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Continuation of the National Emergency Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Export of Certain Goods to Syria (May 8, 2006)

On May 11, 2004, pursuant to my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701- 1706) and the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), I issued Executive Order 13338 in which I declared a national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation or reexportation of certain goods to Syria. On April 25, 2006, I issued Executive Order 13399 to expand the scope of this national emergency. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Message to the Congress of the United States (May 8, 2006)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL FACT SHEETS

General Michael V. Hayden: The Right Leader for the CIA (May 8, 2006)

Key Reasons General Hayden Is The Right Pick: General Hayden Is One Of The Most Qualified Candidates Ever To Be Nominated To Head The CIA. After More Than 20 Years Of Experience In The Intelligence Business, General Hayden Has Extensive Experience As Both A Provider And Customer Of Intelligence. General Hayden Has Broad And Deep Experience In Human And Technical Intelligence. He has served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency, and Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center these positions required a comprehensive understanding of intelligence collection and analysis. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Brett M. Kavanaugh: Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (May 8, 2006)

Throughout His Career, Brett M. Kavanaugh Has Demonstrated Legal Excellence And The Fair-Minded Temperament To Serve As A Federal Appellate Judge. Kavanaugh has an extraordinary range of experience in the public and private sectors. He has dedicated the majority of his 16 years of practice to public service as an appellate lawyer, a government lawyer, and an Assistant to the President. Brett M. Kavanaugh Is Superbly Qualified For The D.C. Circuit. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Darfur Agreement: A Step Toward Peace (May 8, 2006)

Last Friday, The Government Of Sudan And The Largest Darfur Rebel Group Signed An Agreement And Took A Step Toward Peace. We are still far from our ultimate goal of returning millions of displaced people to their homes so they can have a life without fear, but we can now see a way forward. The President is particularly grateful for the leadership of President Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (May 9, 2006)

Today, President Bush Discussed How Signing Up For The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program Can Help Beneficiaries Save Money And Get The Drugs They Need. When President Bush came into office, Medicare was outdated and not meeting the needs of America's seniors. The Congress passed, and the President signed into law, legislation to modernize Medicare by providing preventive care, offering seniors more choices, and giving seniors better access to the prescription drugs they need. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

General Michael V. Hayden: Extremely Well Qualified to Lead the CIA (May 10, 2006)

General Hayden Has Served At The Highest Levels Of The Intel Community. General Hayden served as Director of the National Security Agency for six years before assuming the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served in the intelligence community for more than 20 years and brings vast experience in technical and human source collection, intelligence analysis, and policy support, including overseas postings in Europe and Asia. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The President's Identity Theft Task Force (May 10, 2006)

Today, President Bush Signed An Executive Order Creating The Nation's First Ever "Identity Theft Task Force." This task force will marshal the resources of the Federal government to crack down on the criminals who traffic in stolen identities and protect American families from this devastating crime. The Identity Theft Task Force Is An Important Step Forward In The Fight Against Identity Theft. The President's Identity Theft Task Force Reinforces And Intensifies The Administration's Commitment To Deal With Identity Theft. This task force, chaired by the Attorney General and the FTC Chair, strengthens our efforts to protect the financial information of our citizens. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The ABA Finds Brett Kavanaugh Is "Indeed Qualified to Serve on the Federal Bench" (May 8, 2006)

"In 42 votes cast in the three ABA reviews, all 42 found Mr. Kavanaugh to be well qualified or qualified to serve on the DC Circuit. The ABA itself says that even the lowest of the three ratings is, in its words, 'a very high standard.'" White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, May 8, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

USA Today's Misleading Medicare Story (May 9, 2006)

Millions Of Minorities Are Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. USA Today Claims "Poor, Often Minority" Medicare Beneficiaries Are Not Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. "While millions of seniors and people with disabilities are signing up and saving money, the program is being used least by those who could benefit most: poor, often minority Medicare beneficiaries" (Richard Wolf, "Those Most In Need May Miss Drug Benefit Sign-up," USA Today, 5/9/06). But By April, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible African Americans, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible Hispanics, And More Than 75 Percent Of Eligible Asian Americans Are Enrolled Or Have Retiree Drug Coverage. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The New York Times Continues to Ignore America's Economic Progress (May 10, 2006)

The New York Times Says "Fixed Costs, Like Housing, Health Care And Gasoline" Are "Rapidly Outpacing" Paychecks And Benefits. (Editorial, "Barely Staying Afloat," The New York Times, 5/10/06) But Average Hourly Earnings Have Risen 3.8 Percent Over The Past 12 Months, Their Largest Increase In Nearly Five Years. Hourly compensation rose at a 5.7 percent rate in the first quarter. Personal income rose 0.5 percent in March. Real After-Tax Income Has Risen By 13.8 Percent Since January 2001. Real after-tax income has risen by \$2,398 (8.2 percent) per person since January 2001. Securities Prices Show The Market Believes That Inflation Is Expected To Remain In Check. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

CBS News' Misleading Medicare Report (May 10, 2006)

CBS News Misleadingly Reports That Only 8 Million Seniors Have Signed Up For Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Jim Axelrod: "Hoping to nail down at least one clear success story for Republicans to run on this fall, Mr. Bush wants to add another million seniors to the 8 million already signed up." (CBS' "Evening News," 5/9/06) But 37 Million Seniors Have Coverage. Of the more than 42 million people eligible for Medicare, more than 31 million people with Medicare now have Part D-related prescription drug coverage and hundreds of thousands more are enrolling now. Nearly 6 million more eligible beneficiaries have an alternative source of coverage (i.e., they are covered by VA, Indian Health, or they are still working). [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush's Tax Relief Benefits All Taxpayers (May 11, 2006)

Washington Post Editorial Headline: "The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget." "Budgetary dishonesty, distributional unfairness, fiscal irresponsibility - by now the words are so familiar, it can be hard to appreciate how damaging this fiscal course will be. ... This Congress and administration are putting the nation deeper and deeper in debt to benefit a sliver of the population that doesn't need the help." (Editorial, "Tax Cuts, Again; The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget," The Washington Post, 5/11/06) But According To A News Headline In The Same Day's Washington Post: "Voting On Party Lines, Lawmakers Extend Benefits To Middle Class." [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

AP's Misleading Military Recruiting Article (May 11, 2006)

The Associated Press: "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals." (Lolita C. Baldor, "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals," The Associated Press, 5/10/06) But The Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, And Marine Corps Reserve All Have Exceeded Or Achieved Their Year-To-Date Recruitment Goals. The Army National Guard Has Recruited 103 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Air Force Reserve Has Recruited 105 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Marine Corps Reserve Has Recruited 100 Percent Of Its

Year-To-Date Goal. (Department Of Defense, "DoD Announces Recruiting And Retention Numbers For April," Press Release, 5/10/06) [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2006 (May 11, 2006)

Every day, our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow Americans safe. As we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives protecting us, and we honor all those who wear the badge and keep the peace. The law enforcement officers of today carry on the long and proud tradition of service built by their predecessors. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Strengthening Federal Efforts to Protect Against Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to strengthen efforts to protect against identity theft, it is hereby ordered as follows: Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to use Federal resources effectively to deter, prevent, detect, investigate, proceed against, and prosecute unlawful use by persons of the identifying information of other persons, including through: (a) increased aggressive law enforcement actions designed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute identity theft crimes, recover the proceeds of such crimes, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate identity theft. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bush to Welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House (May 8, 2006)

President Bush will welcome Australian Prime Minister John Howard to the White House on May 16, 2006. President Bush looks forward to reviewing with Prime Minister Howard the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. The President will also consult with the Prime Minister on critical regional and global issues. Australia stands as one of America's closest allies and partners, and continues to work with the United States toward the common goals of promoting peace, freedom, and prosperity through fighting terrorism, stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoting an open international economic order.

President Announces Governor Bush to Lead Delegation to Inauguration in Haiti (May 8, 2006)

President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to attend the Inauguration of His Excellency Ren Garc a Pr val, President of the Republic of Haiti on May 14, 2006. The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, will lead the delegation. Members of the Presidential Delegation are: the Honorable Janet Ann Sanderson, United States Ambassador to Haiti, and the Honorable M. Rony Francois, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

This week, the President announced his intention to nominate, designate, or appoint the following individuals to serve in his Administration:

Nominate **Thomas D. Anderson**, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice Peter W. Hall, resigned.

Nominate **Gayleatha Beatrice Brown**, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Nominate **Victoria Ray Carlson**, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Chad Colley**, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Peter R. Coneway**, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Nominate **Neil M. Gorsuch**, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice David M. Ebel, retired.

Nominate **General Michael V. Hayden**, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Porter J. Goss, resigned.

Nominate **Troy R. Justesen**, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, vice Susan K. Sclafani.

Nominate **Lisa Mattheiss**, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Christina B. Rocca**, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Nominate **Eric Solomon**, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

Nominate **W. Stuart Symington, IV**, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Nominate **William H. Tobey**, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Paul Morgan Longworth, resigned.

Nominate **John R. Vaughn**, of Florida, and upon confirmation designate Chairman, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Ellen C. Williams**, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, for the remainder of a nine-year term expiring December 8, 2007.

Appoint **Linda Leuchter Addison**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Martin Berson** Gold, of the District of Columbia (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring July 13, 2008.

Appoint **Ronald H. Bloom**, of California, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

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Appoint **Robert A. Gleason, Jr.**, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

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Appoint **Sean M. Healey**, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the President's Export Council.

Appoint **Arthur E. Johnson**, of Virginia, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

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Appoint **Harley Lippman**, of New York (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring August 9, 2007.

Appoint **Walter B. McCormick, Jr.**, of Missouri, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

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Thank you all very much. President Schmidly, thank you. Members of the Oklahoma State faculty and administration; Governor; people in the Statehouse; members of the United States Congress; distinguished guests; parents, friends, family, and most important, the Class of 2006, thanks for the warm welcome to this great state, and to this fine campus. I'm honored to be here. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Nominates General Michael Hayden as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (May 8, 2006)

Good morning. Today I'm pleased to nominate General Mike Hayden as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mike Hayden is supremely qualified for this position. I've come to know him well as our nation's first Deputy Director of National Intelligence. In that position, he's worked closely with our Director of National Intelligence, John Negroponte, to reform America's intelligence capabilities to meet the threats of a new century. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Discusses Peace Agreement in Sudan (May 8, 2006)

I want to thank Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for joining me, and I also want to thank Deputy Secretary of State Bob Zoellick. He has just briefed me on his trip to Abuja, where he has played a very important role in setting up a peace agreement between the government of Sudan and a major rebel group in the Darfur region. Congratulations on a job well done, Bob. Thank you. Last week we saw the beginnings of hope for the people of Darfur. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Governor Bush Visit Fire Station in Florida (May 9, 2006)

Jeb and I just were briefed by the firefighters here about the dry conditions that are creating hazards for the people, and Kelley, I appreciate your briefing. He was in charge of putting out that fire yesterday that consumed 450 acres. They think it was caused by a spark out of one of the

utility lines. I've always been impressed by those who are willing to get out and fight the fires, and save lives and save property. I'm surrounded by people who made a career out of that. And I want to thank them for their dedication to service, I want to thank them for the briefing about the threat we find ourselves in, we've got dry and windy conditions. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (May 9, 2006)

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I want to thank you all for joining us. I'm proud to be here with Secretary Leavitt. We're traveling the country reminding people that there's a fantastic opportunity for our seniors, and that is Medicare now offers a prescription drug benefit that will save people a lot of money. We just visited with some of our citizens inside there, and they're talking about significant savings. And that's what we want, we want our seniors to be able to have modern medicine. So far a lot of seniors have signed up. It's coming down the stretch toward the May 15th deadline; we want everybody to sign up. We want people to understand that they're going to save a lot of money when it comes to prescription drugs. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Victims of Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

Identity theft is a serious problem in America. I have just listened to the horror stories from fellow citizens who have had their identities stolen. I listened to their ideas about how the federal government can help in the response in not only dealing with those who commit the crime, but helping those who have been victimized. And I want to thank you all for joining us. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Participates in Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit in Florida (May 10, 2006)

I'm here to talk about Medicare. We've got an exciting program and an exciting opportunity for people to improve their lives. So this is an educational forum. This is a chance not only to speak to the folks here, but to those who may be watching on TV about a really interesting opportunity for the seniors all around our country to really improve their lives by signing up for a new opportunity in Medicare. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses NSA Surveillance Program (May 11, 2006)

After September the 11th, I vowed to the American people that our government would do everything within the law to protect them against another terrorist attack. As part of this effort, I authorized the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations. In other words, if al Qaeda or their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they're saying. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Commencement Address (May 11, 2006)

Thanks for the warm welcome. This afternoon, we celebrate commencement in a stadium that is still under repair, near streets lined with temporary housing, in a region where too many lives have been shattered, and there has never been a more hopeful day to graduate in the state of Mississippi. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Former Secretaries of State and Former Secretaries of Defense (May 12, 2006)

I've just completed a second meeting with former Secretaries of State and former Secretaries of Defense on Iraq. We also discussed the broader Middle East, as well. I want to thank you all very much for sharing your thoughts not only with me, but with the Vice President and Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. It really means a lot to hear your thoughts and your concerns and your suggestions about the way forward in Iraq. We've had our disagreements in this country about whether or not we should be there in the first place. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Remarks by the President at Celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (May 12, 2006)

Welcome to the White House. I like to call it the People's House. I'm glad you could join us today to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is the month we recognize the many accomplishments of Americans who trace their origins to the Asian Pacific region, and we honor the contributions they make to our great land. Across our country, Asian Pacific Americans are making their mark in all walks of life, including business and law and politics and education, community service, the arts, and science. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS

President Disappointed in Senate Failure to Pass Real Medical Liability Reform (May 8, 2006)

I am disappointed that the Senate has yet again failed to pass real medical liability reform legislation. Unwilling to take on their trial lawyer supporters, the Democrats led this effort to block these much-needed reforms. Junk lawsuits are driving too many good doctors out of medicine. Women in nearly 1,500 counties are without a single OB-GYN, and frivolous and abusive lawsuits are encouraging the use of defensive medicine, which imposes substantial and unnecessary costs on all Americans. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. I have called on Congress to pass responsible medical liability reforms, and the House of Representatives has acted. It is time for the Senate to put the needs of the American people ahead of the interests of trial lawyers and pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

President Urges Senate to Pass Tax Cut Legislation (May 10, 2006)

The tax cuts we passed in recent years are working to fuel America's economic expansion. Our pro-growth policies have helped the economy create more than 5.2 million jobs since August of 2003, and last year our economy grew faster than that of any other major industrialized nation. By extending key Capital Gains and Dividends tax relief, the House has taken an important step to continue to help hard-working Americans and to keep our economy strong and growing. I appreciate the House Leadership and Chairman Bill Thomas for their hard work. I urge the Senate to vote swiftly so that I can sign this bill into law and put a stop to a massive tax hike that would be disastrous for small businesses, our economy, and all working Americans.

President Applauds Senate for Passing Tax Relief Legislation (May 11, 2006)

I applaud the Senate for passing important tax relief that will help keep our economy strong and growing. This legislation prevents an enormous tax hike that the American people do not want and would not welcome. The bill will extend policies that have helped our economy flourish. We have had 18 straight quarters of growth, including 4.8 percent growth in the last quarter, and the unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. I appreciate the Senate Leadership and Chairman Grassley for their hard work on behalf of American taxpayers and small businesses, and I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

President and Mrs. Bush Saddened by Death of Sonny Montgomery (May 12, 2006)

Laura and I and the entire Bush family are saddened by the death of a good friend and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean War, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (May 8, 2006)

Certain Programs to Build the Capacity of Foreign Military Forces and Related Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code and section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109 163), I direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct or support, within available appropriations, programs that comply with section 1206 for the following countries: Algeria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Yemen. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security (May 8, 2006)

Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429) are assigned to the Secretary of State. In the performance of such functions, the Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan. By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Continuation of the National Emergency Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Export of Certain Goods to Syria (May 8, 2006)

On May 11, 2004, pursuant to my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701- 1706) and the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), I issued Executive Order 13338 in which I declared a national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation or reexportation of certain goods to Syria. On April 25, 2006, I issued Executive Order 13399 to expand the scope of this national emergency. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Message to the Congress of the United States (May 8, 2006)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL FACT SHEETS

General Michael V. Hayden: The Right Leader for the CIA (May 8, 2006)

Key Reasons General Hayden Is The Right Pick: General Hayden Is One Of The Most Qualified Candidates Ever To Be Nominated To Head The CIA. After More Than 20 Years Of Experience In The Intelligence Business, General Hayden Has Extensive Experience As Both A Provider And Customer Of Intelligence. General Hayden Has Broad And Deep Experience In Human And Technical Intelligence. He has served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency, and Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center these positions required a comprehensive understanding of intelligence collection and analysis. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Brett M. Kavanaugh: Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (May 8, 2006)

Throughout His Career, Brett M. Kavanaugh Has Demonstrated Legal Excellence And The Fair-Minded Temperament To Serve As A Federal Appellate Judge. Kavanaugh has an extraordinary range of experience in the public and private sectors. He has dedicated the majority of his 16 years of practice to public service as an appellate lawyer, a government lawyer, and an Assistant to the President. Brett M. Kavanaugh Is Superbly Qualified For The D.C. Circuit. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Darfur Agreement: A Step Toward Peace (May 8, 2006)

Last Friday, The Government Of Sudan And The Largest Darfur Rebel Group Signed An Agreement And Took A Step Toward Peace. We are still far from our ultimate goal of returning millions of displaced people to their homes so they can have a life without fear, but we can now see a way forward. The President is particularly grateful for the leadership of President Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (May 9, 2006)

Today, President Bush Discussed How Signing Up For The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program Can Help Beneficiaries Save Money And Get The Drugs They Need. When President Bush came into office, Medicare was outdated and not meeting the needs of America's seniors. The Congress passed, and the President signed into law, legislation to modernize Medicare by providing preventive care, offering seniors more choices, and giving seniors better access to the prescription drugs they need. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

General Michael V. Hayden: Extremely Well Qualified to Lead the CIA (May 10, 2006)

General Hayden Has Served At The Highest Levels Of The Intel Community. General Hayden served as Director of the National Security Agency for six years before assuming the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served in the intelligence community for more than 20 years and brings vast experience in technical and human source collection, intelligence analysis, and policy support, including overseas postings in Europe and Asia. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The President's Identity Theft Task Force (May 10, 2006)

Today, President Bush Signed An Executive Order Creating The Nation's First Ever "Identity Theft Task Force." This task force will marshal the resources of the Federal government to crack down on the criminals who traffic in stolen identities and protect American families from this devastating crime. The Identity Theft Task Force Is An Important Step Forward In The Fight Against Identity Theft. The President's Identity Theft Task Force Reinforces And Intensifies The Administration's Commitment To Deal With Identity Theft. This task force, chaired by the Attorney General and the FTC Chair, strengthens our efforts to protect the financial information of our citizens. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The ABA Finds Brett Kavanaugh Is "Indeed Qualified to Serve on the Federal Bench" (May 8, 2006)

"In 42 votes cast in the three ABA reviews, all 42 found Mr. Kavanaugh to be well qualified or qualified to serve on the DC Circuit. The ABA itself says that even the lowest of the three ratings is, in its words, 'a very high standard.'" White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, May 8, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

USA Today's Misleading Medicare Story (May 9, 2006)

Millions Of Minorities Are Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. USA Today Claims "Poor, Often Minority" Medicare Beneficiaries Are Not Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. "While millions of seniors and people with disabilities are signing up and saving money, the program is being used least by those who could benefit most: poor, often minority Medicare beneficiaries" (Richard Wolf, "Those Most In Need May Miss Drug Benefit Sign-up," USA Today, 5/9/06). But By April, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible African Americans, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible Hispanics, And More Than 75 Percent Of Eligible Asian Americans Are Enrolled Or Have Retiree Drug Coverage. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The New York Times Continues to Ignore America's Economic Progress (May 10, 2006)

The New York Times Says "Fixed Costs, Like Housing, Health Care And Gasoline" Are "Rapidly Outpacing" Paychecks And Benefits. (Editorial, "Barely Staying Afloat," The New York Times, 5/10/06) But Average Hourly Earnings Have Risen 3.8 Percent Over The Past 12 Months, Their Largest Increase In Nearly Five Years. Hourly compensation rose at a 5.7 percent rate in the first quarter. Personal income rose 0.5 percent in March. Real After-Tax Income Has Risen By 13.8 Percent Since January 2001. Real after-tax income has risen by \$2,398 (8.2 percent) per person since January 2001. Securities Prices Show The Market Believes That Inflation Is Expected To Remain In Check. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

CBS News' Misleading Medicare Report (May 10, 2006)

CBS News Misleadingly Reports That Only 8 Million Seniors Have Signed Up For Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Jim Axelrod: "Hoping to nail down at least one clear success story for Republicans to run on this fall, Mr. Bush wants to add another million seniors to the 8 million already signed up." (CBS' "Evening News," 5/9/06) But 37 Million Seniors Have Coverage. Of the more than 42 million people eligible for Medicare, more than 31 million people with Medicare now have Part D-related prescription drug coverage and hundreds of thousands more are enrolling now. Nearly 6 million more eligible beneficiaries have an alternative source of coverage (i.e., they are covered by VA, Indian Health, or they are still working). [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush's Tax Relief Benefits All Taxpayers (May 11, 2006)

Washington Post Editorial Headline: "The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget." "Budgetary dishonesty, distributional unfairness, fiscal irresponsibility - by now the words are so familiar, it can be hard to appreciate how damaging this fiscal course will be. ... This Congress and administration are putting the nation deeper and deeper in debt to benefit a sliver of the population that doesn't need the help." (Editorial, "Tax Cuts, Again; The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget," The Washington Post, 5/11/06) But According To A News Headline In The Same Day's Washington Post: "Voting On Party Lines, Lawmakers Extend Benefits To Middle Class." [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

AP's Misleading Military Recruiting Article (May 11, 2006)

The Associated Press: "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals." (Lolita C. Baldor, "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals," The Associated Press, 5/10/06) But The Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, And Marine Corps Reserve All Have Exceeded Or Achieved Their Year-To-Date Recruitment Goals. The Army National Guard Has Recruited 103 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Air Force Reserve Has Recruited 105 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Marine Corps Reserve Has Recruited 100 Percent Of Its

Year-To-Date Goal. (Department Of Defense, "DoD Announces Recruiting And Retention Numbers For April," Press Release, 5/10/06) [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2006 (May 11, 2006)

Every day, our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow Americans safe. As we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives protecting us, and we honor all those who wear the badge and keep the peace. The law enforcement officers of today carry on the long and proud tradition of service built by their predecessors. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Strengthening Federal Efforts to Protect Against Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to strengthen efforts to protect against identity theft, it is hereby ordered as follows: Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to use Federal resources effectively to deter, prevent, detect, investigate, proceed against, and prosecute unlawful use by persons of the identifying information of other persons, including through: (a) increased aggressive law enforcement actions designed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute identity theft crimes, recover the proceeds of such crimes, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate identity theft. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bush to Welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House (May 8, 2006)

President Bush will welcome Australian Prime Minister John Howard to the White House on May 16, 2006. President Bush looks forward to reviewing with Prime Minister Howard the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. The President will also consult with the Prime Minister on critical regional and global issues. Australia stands as one of America's closest allies and partners, and continues to work with the United States toward the common goals of promoting peace, freedom, and prosperity through fighting terrorism, stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoting an open international economic order.

President Announces Governor Bush to Lead Delegation to Inauguration in Haiti (May 8, 2006)

President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to attend the Inauguration of His Excellency Renarc Prval, President of the Republic of Haiti on May 14, 2006. The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, will lead the delegation. Members of the Presidential Delegation are: the Honorable Janet Ann Sanderson, United States Ambassador to Haiti, and the Honorable M. Rony Francois, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

This week, the President announced his intention to nominate, designate, or appoint the following individuals to serve in his Administration:

Nominate **Thomas D. Anderson**, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice Peter W. Hall, resigned.

Nominate **Gayleatha Beatrice Brown**, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Nominate **Victoria Ray Carlson**, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Chad Colley**, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Peter R. Coneway**, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Nominate **Neil M. Gorsuch**, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice David M. Ebel, retired.

Nominate **General Michael V. Hayden**, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Porter J. Goss, resigned.

Nominate **Troy R. Justesen**, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, vice Susan K. Sclafani.

Nominate **Lisa Mattheiss**, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Christina B. Rocca**, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Nominate **Eric Solomon**, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

Nominate **W. Stuart Symington, IV**, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

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Nominate **Ellen C. Williams**, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, for the remainder of a nine-year term expiring December 8, 2007.

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REGIONAL REPORT TO THE CABINET
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

President's Radio Address (May 6, 2006)

Good morning. Today I want to talk with you about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage that went into effect at the start of this year. Everyone on Medicare is eligible for this new coverage, but the enrollment deadline of May 15th is just over a week away. For those of you with Medicare who have not yet signed up, it is important for you to review your options and choose a plan. By enrolling before the deadline, you can ensure the lowest possible premiums and start saving on your prescription drug bills. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Commencement Address at Oklahoma State University (May 6, 2006)

Thank you all very much. President Schmidly, thank you. Members of the Oklahoma State faculty and administration; Governor; people in the Statehouse; members of the United States Congress; distinguished guests; parents, friends, family, and most important, the Class of 2006, thanks for the warm welcome to this great state, and to this fine campus. I'm honored to be here. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Nominates General Michael Hayden as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (May 8, 2006)

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Identity theft is a serious problem in America. I have just listened to the horror stories from fellow citizens who have had their identities stolen. I listened to their ideas about how the federal government can help in the response in not only dealing with those who commit the crime, but helping those who have been victimized. And I want to thank you all for joining us. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Participates in Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit in Florida (May 10, 2006)

I'm here to talk about Medicare. We've got an exciting program and an exciting opportunity for people to improve their lives. So this is an educational forum. This is a chance not only to speak to the folks here, but to those who may be watching on TV about a really interesting opportunity for the seniors all around our country to really improve their lives by signing up for a new opportunity in Medicare. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses NSA Surveillance Program (May 11, 2006)

After September the 11th, I vowed to the American people that our government would do everything within the law to protect them against another terrorist attack. As part of this effort, I authorized the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations. In other words, if al Qaeda or their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they're saying. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Commencement Address (May 11, 2006)

Thanks for the warm welcome. This afternoon, we celebrate commencement in a stadium that is still under repair, near streets lined with temporary housing, in a region where too many lives have been shattered, and there has never been a more hopeful day to graduate in the state of Mississippi. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Former Secretaries of State and Former Secretaries of Defense (May 12, 2006)

I've just completed a second meeting with former Secretaries of State and former Secretaries of Defense on Iraq. We also discussed the broader Middle East, as well. I want to thank you all very much for sharing your thoughts not only with me, but with the Vice President and Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. It really means a lot to hear your thoughts and your concerns and your suggestions about the way forward in Iraq. We've had our disagreements in this country about whether or not we should be there in the first place. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Remarks by the President at Celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (May 12, 2006)

Welcome to the White House. I like to call it the People's House. I'm glad you could join us today to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is the month we recognize the many accomplishments of Americans who trace their origins to the Asian Pacific region, and we honor the contributions they make to our great land. Across our country, Asian Pacific Americans are making their mark in all walks of life, including business and law and politics and education, community service, the arts, and science. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS

President Disappointed in Senate Failure to Pass Real Medical Liability Reform (May 8, 2006)

I am disappointed that the Senate has yet again failed to pass real medical liability reform legislation. Unwilling to take on their trial lawyer supporters, the Democrats led this effort to block these much-needed reforms. Junk lawsuits are driving too many good doctors out of medicine. Women in nearly 1,500 counties are without a single OB-GYN, and frivolous and abusive lawsuits are encouraging the use of defensive medicine, which imposes substantial and unnecessary costs on all Americans. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. I have called on Congress to pass responsible medical liability reforms, and the House of Representatives has acted. It is time for the Senate to put the needs of the American people ahead of the interests of trial lawyers and pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

President Urges Senate to Pass Tax Cut Legislation (May 10, 2006)

The tax cuts we passed in recent years are working to fuel America's economic expansion. Our pro-growth policies have helped the economy create more than 5.2 million jobs since August of 2003, and last year our economy grew faster than that of any other major industrialized nation. By extending key Capital Gains and Dividends tax relief, the House has taken an important step to continue to help hard-working Americans and to keep our economy strong and growing. I appreciate the House Leadership and Chairman Bill Thomas for their hard work. I urge the Senate to vote swiftly so that I can sign this bill into law and put a stop to a massive tax hike that would be disastrous for small businesses, our economy, and all working Americans.

President Applauds Senate for Passing Tax Relief Legislation (May 11, 2006)

I applaud the Senate for passing important tax relief that will help keep our economy strong and growing. This legislation prevents an enormous tax hike that the American people do not want and would not welcome. The bill will extend policies that have helped our economy flourish. We have had 18 straight quarters of growth, including 4.8 percent growth in the last quarter, and the unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. I appreciate the Senate Leadership and Chairman Grassley for their hard work on behalf of American taxpayers and small businesses, and I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

President and Mrs. Bush Saddened by Death of Sonny Montgomery (May 12, 2006)

Laura and I and the entire Bush family are saddened by the death of a good friend and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean War, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (May 8, 2006)

Certain Programs to Build the Capacity of Foreign Military Forces and Related Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code and section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109 163), I direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct or support, within available appropriations, programs that comply with section 1206 for the following countries: Algeria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Yemen. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security (May 8, 2006)

Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429) are assigned to the Secretary of State. In the performance of such functions, the Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan. By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Continuation of the National Emergency Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Export of Certain Goods to Syria (May 8, 2006)

On May 11, 2004, pursuant to my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701- 1706) and the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), I issued Executive Order 13338 in which I declared a national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation or reexportation of certain goods to Syria. On April 25, 2006, I issued Executive Order 13399 to expand the scope of this national emergency. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Message to the Congress of the United States (May 8, 2006)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL FACT SHEETS

General Michael V. Hayden: The Right Leader for the CIA (May 8, 2006)

Key Reasons General Hayden Is The Right Pick: General Hayden Is One Of The Most Qualified Candidates Ever To Be Nominated To Head The CIA. After More Than 20 Years Of Experience In The Intelligence Business, General Hayden Has Extensive Experience As Both A Provider And Customer Of Intelligence. General Hayden Has Broad And Deep Experience In Human And Technical Intelligence. He has served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency, and Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center these positions required a comprehensive understanding of intelligence collection and analysis. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Brett M. Kavanaugh: Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (May 8, 2006)

Throughout His Career, Brett M. Kavanaugh Has Demonstrated Legal Excellence And The Fair-Minded Temperament To Serve As A Federal Appellate Judge. Kavanaugh has an extraordinary range of experience in the public and private sectors. He has dedicated the majority of his 16 years of practice to public service as an appellate lawyer, a government lawyer, and an Assistant to the President. Brett M. Kavanaugh Is Superbly Qualified For The D.C. Circuit. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Darfur Agreement: A Step Toward Peace (May 8, 2006)

Last Friday, The Government Of Sudan And The Largest Darfur Rebel Group Signed An Agreement And Took A Step Toward Peace. We are still far from our ultimate goal of returning millions of displaced people to their homes so they can have a life without fear, but we can now see a way forward. The President is particularly grateful for the leadership of President Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (May 9, 2006)

Today, President Bush Discussed How Signing Up For The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program Can Help Beneficiaries Save Money And Get The Drugs They Need. When President Bush came into office, Medicare was outdated and not meeting the needs of America's seniors. The Congress passed, and the President signed into law, legislation to modernize Medicare by providing preventive care, offering seniors more choices, and giving seniors better access to the prescription drugs they need. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

General Michael V. Hayden: Extremely Well Qualified to Lead the CIA (May 10, 2006)

General Hayden Has Served At The Highest Levels Of The Intel Community. General Hayden served as Director of the National Security Agency for six years before assuming the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served in the intelligence community for more than 20 years and brings vast experience in technical and human source collection, intelligence analysis, and policy support, including overseas postings in Europe and Asia. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The President's Identity Theft Task Force (May 10, 2006)

Today, President Bush Signed An Executive Order Creating The Nation's First Ever "Identity Theft Task Force." This task force will marshal the resources of the Federal government to crack down on the criminals who traffic in stolen identities and protect American families from this devastating crime. The Identity Theft Task Force Is An Important Step Forward In The Fight Against Identity Theft. The President's Identity Theft Task Force Reinforces And Intensifies The Administration's Commitment To Deal With Identity Theft. This task force, chaired by the Attorney General and the FTC Chair, strengthens our efforts to protect the financial information of our citizens. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The ABA Finds Brett Kavanaugh Is "Indeed Qualified to Serve on the Federal Bench" (May 8, 2006)

"In 42 votes cast in the three ABA reviews, all 42 found Mr. Kavanaugh to be well qualified or qualified to serve on the DC Circuit. The ABA itself says that even the lowest of the three ratings is, in its words, 'a very high standard.'" White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, May 8, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

USA Today's Misleading Medicare Story (May 9, 2006)

Millions Of Minorities Are Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. USA Today Claims "Poor, Often Minority" Medicare Beneficiaries Are Not Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. "While millions of seniors and people with disabilities are signing up and saving money, the program is being used least by those who could benefit most: poor, often minority Medicare beneficiaries" (Richard Wolf, "Those Most In Need May Miss Drug Benefit Sign-up," USA Today, 5/9/06). But By April, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible African Americans, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible Hispanics, And More Than 75 Percent Of Eligible Asian Americans Are Enrolled Or Have Retiree Drug Coverage. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The New York Times Continues to Ignore America's Economic Progress (May 10, 2006)

The New York Times Says "Fixed Costs, Like Housing, Health Care And Gasoline" Are "Rapidly Outpacing" Paychecks And Benefits. (Editorial, "Barely Staying Afloat," The New York Times, 5/10/06) But Average Hourly Earnings Have Risen 3.8 Percent Over The Past 12 Months, Their Largest Increase In Nearly Five Years. Hourly compensation rose at a 5.7 percent rate in the first quarter. Personal income rose 0.5 percent in March. Real After-Tax Income Has Risen By 13.8 Percent Since January 2001. Real after-tax income has risen by \$2,398 (8.2 percent) per person since January 2001. Securities Prices Show The Market Believes That Inflation Is Expected To Remain In Check. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

CBS News' Misleading Medicare Report (May 10, 2006)

CBS News Misleadingly Reports That Only 8 Million Seniors Have Signed Up For Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Jim Axelrod: "Hoping to nail down at least one clear success story for Republicans to run on this fall, Mr. Bush wants to add another million seniors to the 8 million already signed up." (CBS' "Evening News," 5/9/06) But 37 Million Seniors Have Coverage. Of the more than 42 million people eligible for Medicare, more than 31 million people with Medicare now have Part D-related prescription drug coverage and hundreds of thousands more are enrolling now. Nearly 6 million more eligible beneficiaries have an alternative source of coverage (i.e., they are covered by VA, Indian Health, or they are still working). [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush's Tax Relief Benefits All Taxpayers (May 11, 2006)

Washington Post Editorial Headline: "The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget." "Budgetary dishonesty, distributional unfairness, fiscal irresponsibility - by now the words are so familiar, it can be hard to appreciate how damaging this fiscal course will be. ... This Congress and administration are putting the nation deeper and deeper in debt to benefit a sliver of the population that doesn't need the help." (Editorial, "Tax Cuts, Again; The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget," The Washington Post, 5/11/06) But According To A News Headline In The Same Day's Washington Post: "Voting On Party Lines, Lawmakers Extend Benefits To Middle Class." [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

AP's Misleading Military Recruiting Article (May 11, 2006)

The Associated Press: "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals." (Lolita C. Baldor, "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals," The Associated Press, 5/10/06) But The Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, And Marine Corps Reserve All Have Exceeded Or Achieved Their Year-To-Date Recruitment Goals. The Army National Guard Has Recruited 103 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Air Force Reserve Has Recruited 105 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Marine Corps Reserve Has Recruited 100 Percent Of Its

Year-To-Date Goal. (Department Of Defense, "DoD Announces Recruiting And Retention Numbers For April," Press Release, 5/10/06) [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2006 (May 11, 2006)

Every day, our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow Americans safe. As we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives protecting us, and we honor all those who wear the badge and keep the peace. The law enforcement officers of today carry on the long and proud tradition of service built by their predecessors. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Strengthening Federal Efforts to Protect Against Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to strengthen efforts to protect against identity theft, it is hereby ordered as follows: Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to use Federal resources effectively to deter, prevent, detect, investigate, proceed against, and prosecute unlawful use by persons of the identifying information of other persons, including through: (a) increased aggressive law enforcement actions designed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute identity theft crimes, recover the proceeds of such crimes, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate identity theft. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bush to Welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House (May 8, 2006)

President Bush will welcome Australian Prime Minister John Howard to the White House on May 16, 2006. President Bush looks forward to reviewing with Prime Minister Howard the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. The President will also consult with the Prime Minister on critical regional and global issues. Australia stands as one of America's closest allies and partners, and continues to work with the United States toward the common goals of promoting peace, freedom, and prosperity through fighting terrorism, stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoting an open international economic order.

President Announces Governor Bush to Lead Delegation to Inauguration in Haiti (May 8, 2006)

President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to attend the Inauguration of His Excellency Ren Garc a Pr val, President of the Republic of Haiti on May 14, 2006. The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, will lead the delegation. Members of the Presidential Delegation are: the Honorable Janet Ann Sanderson, United States Ambassador to Haiti, and the Honorable M. Rony Francois, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

This week, the President announced his intention to nominate, designate, or appoint the following individuals to serve in his Administration:

Nominate **Thomas D. Anderson**, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice Peter W. Hall, resigned.

Nominate **Gayleatha Beatrice Brown**, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Nominate **Victoria Ray Carlson**, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Chad Colley**, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Peter R. Coneway**, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Nominate **Neil M. Gorsuch**, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice David M. Ebel, retired.

Nominate **General Michael V. Hayden**, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Porter J. Goss, resigned.

Nominate **Troy R. Justesen**, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, vice Susan K. Sclafani.

Nominate **Lisa Mattheiss**, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Christina B. Rocca**, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Nominate **Eric Solomon**, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

Nominate **W. Stuart Symington, IV**, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Nominate **William H. Tobey**, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Paul Morgan Longworth, resigned.

Nominate **John R. Vaughn**, of Florida, and upon confirmation designate Chairman, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Ellen C. Williams**, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, for the remainder of a nine-year term expiring December 8, 2007.

Appoint **Linda Leuchter Addison**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Martin Berson Gold**, of the District of Columbia (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring July 13, 2008.

Appoint **Ronald H. Bloom**, of California, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **David A. Burke**, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Robert A. Gleason, Jr.**, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Mordechai E. Gobiuff**, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Sean M. Healey**, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the President's Export Council.

Appoint **Arthur E. Johnson**, of Virginia, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

Appoint **Richard R. Kilgust**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Andrew M. Klein**, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Harley Lippman**, of New York (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring August 9, 2007.

Appoint **Walter B. McCormick, Jr.**, of Missouri, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

Appoint **J. Bryan Pickens**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Harvey W. Schiller**, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Linda O. Shaw**, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Elizabeth May Stern**, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Robert Zarnegin**, of California, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

NEIL M. GORSUCH

EXPERIENCE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, D.C.

Principal Deputy to the Associate Attorney General, June 2005-present.

Assist the Department's number three officer in managing the Justice Department's civil justice components, including the Antitrust, Tax, Civil, Civil Rights, and Environment and Natural Resources divisions. Responsible for advising the Attorney General and Associate Attorney General on civil justice, federal and local law enforcement, and public safety matters, including the Department's terrorism and national security-related litigation.

KELLOGG, HUBER, HANSEN, TODD, EVANS & FIGEL, Washington, D.C.

Partner, 1998-May 2005; Associate, 1995-1997.

Representative matters included: Conwood v. UST (trial and appeal leading to the largest affirmed private judgment in the history of federal antitrust laws as of 2002); Z-Tel Communications v. SBC Communications (defended SBC in an antitrust and RICO suit brought by a rival seeking damages of over \$1 billion); Twombly v. SBC Communications (successful defense of putative nationwide antitrust class actions); AutoMall v. American Express (lead trial counsel for American Express in a \$78 million dispute); NCRIC, Inc. v. Columbia Hospital for Women (lead trial counsel for defendant hospital in which claims against it were rejected and the hospital won an \$18.2 million counterclaim judgment); Zachair, Ltd. v. Driggs Corp. (lead trial counsel for plaintiff in \$4 million abuse of process and tortious interference suit); In re Qwest Communications International, Inc. Securities Litigation (defended company directors in securities fraud litigation brought in federal and multiple state courts); Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana v. Regal Entertainment (defeated derivative suit challenging a \$710 million restructuring); Dura Pharmaceuticals v. Broudo (represented U.S. Chamber of Commerce in securities fraud dispute before the U.S. Supreme Court); Quill v. Vacco and Washington v. Glucksberg (represented amicus American Hospital Association in U.S. Supreme Court right-to-die cases); Felzen v. ADM and Devlin v. Scardellitti (represented Council for Institutional Investors in U.S. Supreme Court cases concerning the rights of objecting shareholders in class action and derivative suit settlements); Lentell v. Merrill Lynch (securities fraud dispute before the Second Circuit); Sercenco v. General Electric (successful defense of GE in Foreign Corrupt Practices Act claims); Ashley v. Coopers & Lybrand (represented founder of Laura Ashley in a fraud suit against his former management consulting firm; settled during trial on undisclosed terms); Goff v. Bickerstaff & Ford Motor Company (successful defense of RICO suit); Chance v. UST (successful antitrust class action).

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, Washington D.C.

Law clerk to Justice Byron R. White (Retired) and Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, 1993-94.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, D.C. CIRCUIT, Washington, D.C.

Law clerk to U.S. Circuit Judge David B. Sentelle, 1991-92.

EDUCATION

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, Oxford, England.

D.Phil. in legal philosophy.

British Marshall Scholar.

Book based on dissertation to be published in by Princeton Univ. Press in 2006.

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA.

J.D. *cum laude*.

Harry S. Truman scholar (100 scholars chosen annually by U.S. Government).

Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy, Senior Editor.

Head Teaching Fellow, political philosophy course at Harvard College.

Represented indigent criminal defendants in Boston courts.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, N.Y.

B.A. in Political Science with honors (G.P.A. 3.95).

Phi Beta Kappa, early selection (top 1% of class).

Elected Class Marshal by faculty.

Nachems senior honor society.

Graduated in three years.

PUBLICATIONS Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia: An Argument Against Legalization (book forthcoming from Princeton University Press, 2006); Ensuring Class Action Fairness, Federal Trade Commission Class Action Workshop (Sept. 2004); Justice White and Judicial Excellence, distributed nationally by UPI (May 2002); The Legalization of Assisted Suicide and the Law of Unintended Consequences, 2004 Wisconsin Law Review 1347; The Right to Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia, 23 Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy 599 (2000); Liberals and Lawsuits, National Review Online (Feb. 2005). Co-author: No Loss, No Gain, The Legal Times (2005) (concerning securities fraud lawsuits); Settlements in Securities Fraud Class Actions: Improving Investor Protections, Washington Legal Foundation (April 2005) and reprinted in Andrews Class Action Litigation Reporter (August 2005); Will the Gentlemen Please Yield? A Defense of the Constitutionality of State-Imposed Term Limits, 20 Hofstra Law Review 341 (1991) and reprinted in Policy Analysis on Term Limits, Cato Institute Policy Analysis No. 178 (1992); The Constitutional Case for Term Limits, Wall Street Journal (Nov. 1992).

SPEECHES Presentations include before: Washington, D.C. Bar Association, Wisconsin Bar Association, Federal Trade Commission workshop, National White Collar Crime Center, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Common Good, Prime Time Radio, British Marshall Scholarship Commission, Council on Foreign Relations Term Member program, various gatherings of U.S. Department of Justice employees.

ASSOCIATIONS Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations; Harry S. Truman Scholarship 2006 Selection Committee; Columbia University Alumni Representative Committee; American Bar Association, Litigation and Antitrust sections. National high school debate champion. Listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in the World.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS Colorado; Washington, D.C.; New York; U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, and Tenth Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Districts of Colorado, Washington, D.C., Southern District of New York, Eastern District of New York.

PERSONAL Married; two daughters.

POLITICAL Bush-Cheney 2004 volunteer, Ohio campaign. Co-Director, Virginia Lawyers for Bush-Cheney. Bush-Cheney Marshal. Republican National Lawyers Association, Co-Chairman of Judicial Nominations Task Force (2001-02). Cited for Distinguished Service of the United States Senate for work in support of President Bush's judicial nominees by the Senate Republican Conference. Have worked on Republican campaigns since 1976, including Reagan-Bush and Bush-Quayle. Intern and Page for U.S. Senator William L. Armstrong (R-CO).



REPORT TO THE CABINET
FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING WITH MAY 8, 2006

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

President's Radio Address (May 6, 2006)

Good morning. Today I want to talk with you about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage that went into effect at the start of this year. Everyone on Medicare is eligible for this new coverage, but the enrollment deadline of May 15th is just over a week away. For those of you with Medicare who have not yet signed up, it is important for you to review your options and choose a plan. By enrolling before the deadline, you can ensure the lowest possible premiums and start saving on your prescription drug bills. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Commencement Address at Oklahoma State University (May 6, 2006)

Thank you all very much. President Schmidly, thank you. Members of the Oklahoma State faculty and administration; Governor; people in the Statehouse; members of the United States Congress; distinguished guests; parents, friends, family, and most important, the Class of 2006, thanks for the warm welcome to this great state, and to this fine campus. I'm honored to be here. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Nominates General Michael Hayden as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (May 8, 2006)

Good morning. Today I'm pleased to nominate General Mike Hayden as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mike Hayden is supremely qualified for this position. I've come to know him well as our nation's first Deputy Director of National Intelligence. In that position, he's worked closely with our Director of National Intelligence, John Negroponte, to reform America's intelligence capabilities to meet the threats of a new century. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Discusses Peace Agreement in Sudan (May 8, 2006)

I want to thank Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for joining me, and I also want to thank Deputy Secretary of State Bob Zoellick. He has just briefed me on his trip to Abuja, where he has played a very important role in setting up a peace agreement between the government of Sudan and a major rebel group in the Darfur region. Congratulations on a job well done, Bob. Thank you. Last week we saw the beginnings of hope for the people of Darfur. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Governor Bush Visit Fire Station in Florida (May 9, 2006)

Jeb and I just were briefed by the firefighters here about the dry conditions that are creating hazards for the people, and Kelley, I appreciate your briefing. He was in charge of putting out that fire yesterday that consumed 450 acres. They think it was caused by a spark out of one of the

utility lines. I've always been impressed by those who are willing to get out and fight the fires, and save lives and save property. I'm surrounded by people who made a career out of that. And I want to thank them for their dedication to service, I want to thank them for the briefing about the threat we find ourselves in, we've got dry and windy conditions. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (May 9, 2006)

What I thought I would do is spend a little time talking about the new Medicare program. The reason I'm doing this, because I want people to sign up. And then I'll answer some questions if you have some. And then I'm going to go to Orlando and do the same thing tomorrow morning -- just like I did earlier in South Florida. And the reason why I'm doing this is because we have changed Medicare for the better, but sometimes change creates anxieties. In other words, people say, well, maybe I don't want to change. I kind of like it the way things are, but we have a duty to educate people and give them a chance to see what's available. And that's what I'm doing. That's what you want your President to do. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush and Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt Make Remarks to the Travel Pool (May 9, 2006)

I want to thank you all for joining us. I'm proud to be here with Secretary Leavitt. We're traveling the country reminding people that there's a fantastic opportunity for our seniors, and that is Medicare now offers a prescription drug benefit that will save people a lot of money. We just visited with some of our citizens inside there, and they're talking about significant savings. And that's what we want, we want our seniors to be able to have modern medicine. So far a lot of seniors have signed up. It's coming down the stretch toward the May 15th deadline; we want everybody to sign up. We want people to understand that they're going to save a lot of money when it comes to prescription drugs. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Victims of Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

Identity theft is a serious problem in America. I have just listened to the horror stories from fellow citizens who have had their identities stolen. I listened to their ideas about how the federal government can help in the response in not only dealing with those who commit the crime, but helping those who have been victimized. And I want to thank you all for joining us. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Participates in Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit in Florida (May 10, 2006)

I'm here to talk about Medicare. We've got an exciting program and an exciting opportunity for people to improve their lives. So this is an educational forum. This is a chance not only to speak to the folks here, but to those who may be watching on TV about a really interesting opportunity for the seniors all around our country to really improve their lives by signing up for a new opportunity in Medicare. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Discusses NSA Surveillance Program (May 11, 2006)

After September the 11th, I vowed to the American people that our government would do everything within the law to protect them against another terrorist attack. As part of this effort, I authorized the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations. In other words, if al Qaeda or their associates are making calls into the United States or out of the United States, we want to know what they're saying. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Delivers Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Commencement Address (May 11, 2006)

Thanks for the warm welcome. This afternoon, we celebrate commencement in a stadium that is still under repair, near streets lined with temporary housing, in a region where too many lives have been shattered, and there has never been a more hopeful day to graduate in the state of Mississippi. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush Meets with Former Secretaries of State and Former Secretaries of Defense (May 12, 2006)

I've just completed a second meeting with former Secretaries of State and former Secretaries of Defense on Iraq. We also discussed the broader Middle East, as well. I want to thank you all very much for sharing your thoughts not only with me, but with the Vice President and Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. It really means a lot to hear your thoughts and your concerns and your suggestions about the way forward in Iraq. We've had our disagreements in this country about whether or not we should be there in the first place. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Remarks by the President at Celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Awards (May 12, 2006)

Welcome to the White House. I like to call it the People's House. I'm glad you could join us today to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is the month we recognize the many accomplishments of Americans who trace their origins to the Asian Pacific region, and we honor the contributions they make to our great land. Across our country, Asian Pacific Americans are making their mark in all walks of life, including business and law and politics and education, community service, the arts, and science. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS

President Disappointed in Senate Failure to Pass Real Medical Liability Reform (May 8, 2006)

I am disappointed that the Senate has yet again failed to pass real medical liability reform legislation. Unwilling to take on their trial lawyer supporters, the Democrats led this effort to block these much-needed reforms. Junk lawsuits are driving too many good doctors out of medicine. Women in nearly 1,500 counties are without a single OB-GYN, and frivolous and abusive lawsuits are encouraging the use of defensive medicine, which imposes substantial and unnecessary costs on all Americans. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. I have called on Congress to pass responsible medical liability reforms, and the House of Representatives has acted. It is time for the Senate to put the needs of the American people ahead of the interests of trial lawyers and pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

President Urges Senate to Pass Tax Cut Legislation (May 10, 2006)

The tax cuts we passed in recent years are working to fuel America's economic expansion. Our pro-growth policies have helped the economy create more than 5.2 million jobs since August of 2003, and last year our economy grew faster than that of any other major industrialized nation. By extending key Capital Gains and Dividends tax relief, the House has taken an important step to continue to help hard-working Americans and to keep our economy strong and growing. I appreciate the House Leadership and Chairman Bill Thomas for their hard work. I urge the Senate to vote swiftly so that I can sign this bill into law and put a stop to a massive tax hike that would be disastrous for small businesses, our economy, and all working Americans.

President Applauds Senate for Passing Tax Relief Legislation (May 11, 2006)

I applaud the Senate for passing important tax relief that will help keep our economy strong and growing. This legislation prevents an enormous tax hike that the American people do not want and would not welcome. The bill will extend policies that have helped our economy flourish. We have had 18 straight quarters of growth, including 4.8 percent growth in the last quarter, and the unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. I appreciate the Senate Leadership and Chairman Grassley for their hard work on behalf of American taxpayers and small businesses, and I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

President and Mrs. Bush Saddened by Death of Sonny Montgomery (May 12, 2006)

Laura and I and the entire Bush family are saddened by the death of a good friend and patriot, Sonny Montgomery. Sonny Montgomery served during World War II and the Korean War, and he was a tireless advocate for America's veterans throughout his three decades in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the Montgomery GI Bill, which has helped make higher education and professional training accessible to millions of our veterans. In 2005, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civil award, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the United States. We send our condolences and prayers to the Montgomery family.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (May 8, 2006)

Certain Programs to Build the Capacity of Foreign Military Forces and Related Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code and section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109 163), I direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct or support, within available appropriations, programs that comply with section 1206 for the following countries: Algeria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, and Yemen. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security (May 8, 2006)

Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429) are assigned to the Secretary of State. In the performance of such functions, the Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Memorandum on Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Concerning Assistance to Afghanistan. By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, the function of the President under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102) that relates to waiver of a proviso is assigned to the Secretary of State. The

Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Director of National Intelligence shall, consistent with applicable law, provide the Secretary of State with such information as may be necessary to assist the Secretary in the performance of such function. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence (May 9, 2006)

Assignment of Function Relating to Granting of Authority for Issuance of Certain Directives. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 13(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78m(b)(3)(A)). In performing such function, you should consult the heads of departments and agencies, as appropriate. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Continuation of the National Emergency Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting the Export of Certain Goods to Syria (May 8, 2006)

On May 11, 2004, pursuant to my authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701- 1706) and the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), I issued Executive Order 13338 in which I declared a national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation or reexportation of certain goods to Syria. On April 25, 2006, I issued Executive Order 13399 to expand the scope of this national emergency. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Message to the Congress of the United States (May 8, 2006)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL FACT SHEETS

General Michael V. Hayden: The Right Leader for the CIA (May 8, 2006)

Key Reasons General Hayden Is The Right Pick: General Hayden Is One Of The Most Qualified Candidates Ever To Be Nominated To Head The CIA. After More Than 20 Years Of Experience In The Intelligence Business, General Hayden Has Extensive Experience As Both A Provider And Customer Of Intelligence. General Hayden Has Broad And Deep Experience In Human And Technical Intelligence. He has served as Director of the National Security Agency, Commander of the Air Force Intelligence Agency, and Director of the Joint Command and Control Warfare Center these positions required a comprehensive understanding of intelligence collection and analysis. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Brett M. Kavanaugh: Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (May 8, 2006)

Throughout His Career, Brett M. Kavanaugh Has Demonstrated Legal Excellence And The Fair-Minded Temperament To Serve As A Federal Appellate Judge. Kavanaugh has an extraordinary range of experience in the public and private sectors. He has dedicated the majority of his 16 years of practice to public service as an appellate lawyer, a government lawyer, and an Assistant to the President. Brett M. Kavanaugh Is Superbly Qualified For The D.C. Circuit. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Darfur Agreement: A Step Toward Peace (May 8, 2006)

Last Friday, The Government Of Sudan And The Largest Darfur Rebel Group Signed An Agreement And Took A Step Toward Peace. We are still far from our ultimate goal of returning millions of displaced people to their homes so they can have a life without fear, but we can now see a way forward. The President is particularly grateful for the leadership of President Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (May 9, 2006)

Today, President Bush Discussed How Signing Up For The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Program Can Help Beneficiaries Save Money And Get The Drugs They Need. When President Bush came into office, Medicare was outdated and not meeting the needs of America's seniors. The Congress passed, and the President signed into law, legislation to modernize Medicare by providing preventive care, offering seniors more choices, and giving seniors better access to the prescription drugs they need. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

General Michael V. Hayden: Extremely Well Qualified to Lead the CIA (May 10, 2006)

General Hayden Has Served At The Highest Levels Of The Intel Community. General Hayden served as Director of the National Security Agency for six years before assuming the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served in the intelligence community for more than 20 years and brings vast experience in technical and human source collection, intelligence analysis, and policy support, including overseas postings in Europe and Asia. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The President's Identity Theft Task Force (May 10, 2006)

Today, President Bush Signed An Executive Order Creating The Nation's First Ever "Identity Theft Task Force." This task force will marshal the resources of the Federal government to crack down on the criminals who traffic in stolen identities and protect American families from this devastating crime. The Identity Theft Task Force Is An Important Step Forward In The Fight Against Identity Theft. The President's Identity Theft Task Force Reinforces And Intensifies The Administration's Commitment To Deal With Identity Theft. This task force, chaired by the Attorney General and the FTC Chair, strengthens our efforts to protect the financial information of our citizens. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The ABA Finds Brett Kavanaugh Is "Indeed Qualified to Serve on the Federal Bench" (May 8, 2006)

"In 42 votes cast in the three ABA reviews, all 42 found Mr. Kavanaugh to be well qualified or qualified to serve on the DC Circuit. The ABA itself says that even the lowest of the three ratings is, in its words, 'a very high standard.'" White House Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, May 8, 2006. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

USA Today's Misleading Medicare Story (May 9, 2006)

Millions Of Minorities Are Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. USA Today Claims "Poor, Often Minority" Medicare Beneficiaries Are Not Enrolling In Medicare Drug Coverage. "While millions of seniors and people with disabilities are signing up and saving money, the program is being used least by those who could benefit most: poor, often minority Medicare beneficiaries" (Richard Wolf, "Those Most In Need May Miss Drug Benefit Sign-up," USA Today, 5/9/06). But By April, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible African Americans, More Than 70 Percent Of Eligible Hispanics, And More Than 75 Percent Of Eligible Asian Americans Are Enrolled Or Have Retiree Drug Coverage. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

The New York Times Continues to Ignore America's Economic Progress (May 10, 2006)

The New York Times Says "Fixed Costs, Like Housing, Health Care And Gasoline" Are "Rapidly Outpacing" Paychecks And Benefits. (Editorial, "Barely Staying Afloat," The New York Times, 5/10/06) But Average Hourly Earnings Have Risen 3.8 Percent Over The Past 12 Months, Their Largest Increase In Nearly Five Years. Hourly compensation rose at a 5.7 percent rate in the first quarter. Personal income rose 0.5 percent in March. Real After-Tax Income Has Risen By 13.8 Percent Since January 2001. Real after-tax income has risen by \$2,398 (8.2 percent) per person since January 2001. Securities Prices Show The Market Believes That Inflation Is Expected To Remain In Check. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

CBS News' Misleading Medicare Report (May 10, 2006)

CBS News Misleadingly Reports That Only 8 Million Seniors Have Signed Up For Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. Jim Axelrod: "Hoping to nail down at least one clear success story for Republicans to run on this fall, Mr. Bush wants to add another million seniors to the 8 million already signed up." (CBS' "Evening News," 5/9/06) But 37 Million Seniors Have Coverage. Of the more than 42 million people eligible for Medicare, more than 31 million people with Medicare now have Part D-related prescription drug coverage and hundreds of thousands more are enrolling now. Nearly 6 million more eligible beneficiaries have an alternative source of coverage (i.e., they are covered by VA, Indian Health, or they are still working). [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

President Bush's Tax Relief Benefits All Taxpayers (May 11, 2006)

Washington Post Editorial Headline: "The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget." "Budgetary dishonesty, distributional unfairness, fiscal irresponsibility - by now the words are so familiar, it can be hard to appreciate how damaging this fiscal course will be. ... This Congress and administration are putting the nation deeper and deeper in debt to benefit a sliver of the population that doesn't need the help." (Editorial, "Tax Cuts, Again; The Formula Hasn't Changed: A Windfall For The Rich, And A Hole In The Federal Budget," The Washington Post, 5/11/06) But According To A News Headline In The Same Day's Washington Post: "Voting On Party Lines, Lawmakers Extend Benefits To Middle Class." [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

AP's Misleading Military Recruiting Article (May 11, 2006)

The Associated Press: "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals." (Lolita C. Baldor, "Army Guard, Reserve Fall Short Of April Recruiting Goals," The Associated Press, 5/10/06) But The Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, And Marine Corps Reserve All Have Exceeded Or Achieved Their Year-To-Date Recruitment Goals. The Army National Guard Has Recruited 103 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Air Force Reserve Has Recruited 105 Percent Of Its Year-To-Date Goal. The Marine Corps Reserve Has Recruited 100 Percent Of Its

Year-To-Date Goal. (Department Of Defense, "DoD Announces Recruiting And Retention Numbers For April," Press Release, 5/10/06) [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2006 (May 11, 2006)

Every day, our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow Americans safe. As we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives protecting us, and we honor all those who wear the badge and keep the peace. The law enforcement officers of today carry on the long and proud tradition of service built by their predecessors. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Strengthening Federal Efforts to Protect Against Identity Theft (May 10, 2006)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to strengthen efforts to protect against identity theft, it is hereby ordered as follows: Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to use Federal resources effectively to deter, prevent, detect, investigate, proceed against, and prosecute unlawful use by persons of the identifying information of other persons, including through: (a) increased aggressive law enforcement actions designed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute identity theft crimes, recover the proceeds of such crimes, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate identity theft. [Click Here for Complete Text](#)

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bush to Welcome Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to the White House (May 8, 2006)

President Bush will welcome Australian Prime Minister John Howard to the White House on May 16, 2006. President Bush looks forward to reviewing with Prime Minister Howard the strong bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. The President will also consult with the Prime Minister on critical regional and global issues. Australia stands as one of America's closest allies and partners, and continues to work with the United States toward the common goals of promoting peace, freedom, and prosperity through fighting terrorism, stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and promoting an open international economic order.

President Announces Governor Bush to Lead Delegation to Inauguration in Haiti (May 8, 2006)

President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to attend the Inauguration of His Excellency Ren Garc a Pr val, President of the Republic of Haiti on May 14, 2006. The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, will lead the delegation. Members of the Presidential Delegation are: the Honorable Janet Ann Sanderson, United States Ambassador to Haiti, and the Honorable M. Rony Francois, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

This week, the President announced his intention to nominate, designate, or appoint the following individuals to serve in his Administration:

Nominate **Thomas D. Anderson**, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice Peter W. Hall, resigned.

Nominate **Gayleatha Beatrice Brown**, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Nominate **Victoria Ray Carlson**, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Chad Colley**, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Peter R. Coneway**, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Nominate **Neil M. Gorsuch**, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice David M. Ebel, retired.

Nominate **General Michael V. Hayden**, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Porter J. Goss, resigned.

Nominate **Troy R. Justesen**, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, vice Susan K. Sclafani.

Nominate **Lisa Mattheiss**, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Christina B. Rocca**, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Nominate **Eric Solomon**, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

Nominate **W. Stuart Symington, IV**, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Nominate **William H. Tobey**, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Paul Morgan Longworth, resigned.

Nominate **John R. Vaughn**, of Florida, and upon confirmation designate Chairman, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, for the remainder of three-year terms expiring September 17, 2007.

Nominate **Ellen C. Williams**, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, for the remainder of a nine-year term expiring December 8, 2007.

Appoint **Linda Leuchter Addison**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Martin Berson** Gold, of the District of Columbia (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring July 13, 2008.

Appoint **Ronald H. Bloom**, of California, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **David A. Burke**, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Robert A. Gleason, Jr.**, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Mordechai E. Gbioff**, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Sean M. Healey**, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the President's Export Council.

Appoint **Arthur E. Johnson**, of Virginia, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

Appoint **Richard R. Kilgust**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Andrew M. Klein**, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

Appoint **Harley Lippman**, of New York (Recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate), to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring August 9, 2007.

Appoint **Walter B. McCormick, Jr.**, of Missouri, to be a Member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

Appoint **J. Bryan Pickens**, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Harvey W. Schiller**, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Linda O. Shaw**, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Appoint **Elizabeth May Stern**, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring February 27, 2007.

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NOMINATION SENT TO THE SENATE:

Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice David M. Ebel, retired.

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