

Dignitaries Met

Selected Foreign Dignitaries Met From Year 2000 to Present

Date Name of the Person Title Place of Meeting

Country of Dignitary

June 19, 2007 Winston Peters Foreign Minister of New Zealand Wellington New Zealand June 15, 2007 John Howard Prime Minister of Australia Sydney Australia June 14, 2007 Helen Clark Prime Minister of New Zealand Brisbane New Zealand June 12, 2007 Kevin Rudd Leader of Opposition in Australia Canberra Australia May 4, 2007 Walter Mondale Former U.S. Vice President Madison U.S.A. May 3, 2007 Jim Doyle Governor of Wisconsin Madison U.S.A. April 27, 2007 Nancy Pelosi U.S. Speaker San Francisco U.S.A. Oct. 13, 2006 Massimo D'Allema Italian Foreign Minister Rome Italy Oct. 13, 2006 H.H. Pope Benedict XVI The Pope Vatican City Vatican State Oct. 12, 2006 Franco Marini President of the Italian Senate Rome Italy Oct. 12, 2006 Fausto Bertinotti Speaker of the Italian Parliament Rome Italy Oct. 10, 2006 Sasha Vondra Czech Foreign Minister Prague Czech Republic Oct. 9, 2006 Vaclav Havel Former President of the Czech Republic Prague Czech Republic Sept. 26, 2006 Arnold Schwarzenegger Governor of California Long Beach U.S.A. Sept. 22, 2006 Bill Clinton Former President of U.S.A. New York U.S.A. Sept. 17, 2006 H.M. Queen Noor Former Queen of Jordan Denver U.S.A. Sept. 16, 2006 Oscar Arias Sanchez President of Costa Rica Denver U.S.A. Sept. 9, 2006 Monte Solberg Canadian Minister of Citizenship & Immigration Vancouver Canada Sept. 9, 2006 Jason Kenny Parliamentary Secretary to the Canadian P.M. Vancouver Canada Sept. 8, 2006 Gordon Campbell Premier of British Columbia Vancouver Canada June 22, 2006 H.R.H. Prince Ghazi Bin Mohammed Personal Envoy & Senior Advisor to H.M. the King of Jordan Amman Jordan June 21, 2006 H.M. King Abdullah II & Queen Rania King & Queen of Jordan Petra Jordan June 20, 2006 H.H. Ahmad Helail Imam to the Royal Hashemite Court and Supreme Judge Amman Jordan June 1, 2006 Mr. Armand De Decker Belgian Minister of Development Cooperation Brussels Belgium June 1, 2006 Mr. Herman De Croo President of the Belgian House Brussels Belgium June 1, 2006 Mrs. Anne Marie Lizen President of the Belgian Senate Brussels Belgium June 1, 2006 Mr. Guy Verhofstadt Prime Minister of Belgium Brussels Belgium May 31, 2006 Mr. Josep Borrell President of the European Parliament Brussels Belgium May 31, 2006 Mr. Gunter Verheugen Vice President of the European Commission Brussels Belgium May 30, 2006 Mr. Wolfgang Schussel Chancellor of Austria & President of the European Council Brussels Belgium May 30, 2006 Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso President of the European Commission Brussels Belgium May 14, 2006 Mrs. Karin Gastinger Austrian Minister of Justice St. Veit Austria May 14, 2006 Mrs. Maria Rauch-Kallat Austrian Minister for Health St. Veit Austria May 14, 2006 Mr. Hubert Gorbach Vice Chancellor of Austria St. Veit Austria May 14, 2006 Dr. Jorg Haider Governor of Carinthia St. Veit Austria May 11, 2006 Mr. Mario Iguaran Attorney General of Colombia Bogota Colombia May 7, 2006 Mrs. Elaine Karp de Toledo First Lady of Peru Lima Peru May 6, 2006 Mr. Sergio Espejo Chilean Minister of Transport Santiago Chile May 5, 2006 Mr. Felipe Harboe Bascunan Chilean Deputy Minister of Interior Santiago Chile May 5, 2006 Cardinal Errazuriz Ossa Archbishop of Chile Santiago Chile May 5, 2006 Mrs. Paulina Urrutia Chilean Minister of Culture Santiago Chile May 5, 2006 Mr. Martin Zilic Chilean Minister of Education Santiago Chile May 4, 2006 Mr. Antonio Leal Labrin President of the Chilean House of Chambers Valparaiso Chile May 3, 2006 Mr. Jaime Naranjo Ortiz Vice President of the Chilean Senate Santiago Chile May 1, 2006 Mr. Adolfo Perez Esquivel 1980 Nobel Peace Prize Buenos Aires Argentina April 26, 2006 Mr. Gilberto Gil Brazilian Minister of Culture Sao Paulo Brazil April 26, 2006 Mr. Jose Luiz de Franco Pena President of the Brazilian Green Party Sao Paulo Brazil Feb. 19, 2006 Rabbi Shlomo Amar Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel Jerusalem Israel Feb. 19, 2006 Rabbi Yona Metzger Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel Jerusalem Israel Nov. 18, 2005 Dr. M.G. Buthelezi President of the Inkatha Freedom Party, South Africa Edinburgh U.K. Nov. 16, 2005 Mr. Harry Reid U.S. Senate Minority Leader Washington U.S.A. Nov. 16, 2005 Mrs. Nancy Pelosi U.S. House Minority Leader Washington U.S.A. Nov. 16, 2005 Mr. Dennis Hastert Speaker of the U.S. Congress Washington U.S.A. Nov. 9, 2005 Ms. Condoleezza Rice U.S. Secretary of State Washington U.S.A. Nov. 9, 2005 Mr. George W. Bush President of the U.S.A. Washington U.S.A. Nov. 6, 2005 Mr. Jimmy Carter Former President of U.S.A. San Francisco U.S.A. Oct. 27, 2005 Mrs. Renuka Chowdhury Tourism Minister of India New Delhi India Sept. 11, 2005 Mr. Dirk Kempthorne Governor of Idaho Sun Valley U.S.A. Sept. 9, 2005 Mr. Frank H. Murkowski Governor of Alaska Anchorage U.S.A. Aug. 16, 2005 Mr. Natwar Singh Foreign Minister of India New Delhi India Aug. 4, 2005 Mr. Pascal Couchepin Interior Minister of Switzerland Zurich Switzerland Aug. 1, 2005 Mr. Giuliano Amato Former Prime Minister of Italy Bolzano Italy Jun. 18, 2005 Mr. Wolfgang Thierse President of the German Parliament Berlin Germany Jun. 17, 2005 Dr. Angela Merkel Leader of the CDU/CSU Party Berlin Germany Jun. 15, 2005 Mr. Kjell Magne Bondevik Prime Minister of Norway Oslo Norway Jun. 14, 2005 Mr. Jorgen Kosmo President of the Norwegian

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 AbularachForeign Minister of GuatemalaGuatemala City GuatemalaOct. 1, 2004Mr. Eduardo Stein BarrillasVice
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