CONTINUATION OF LIBYA EMERGENCY

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

NOTIFICATION THAT THE LIBYA EMERGENCY IS TO CONTINUE IN EFFECT BEYOND JANUARY 7, 2003, PURSUANT TO 50 U.S.C. 1622(d)

JANUARY 7, 2003.—Referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.
THE WHITE HOUSE,  

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC  

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: 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 the enclosed notice, stating that the Libya emergency is to continue in effect beyond January 7, 2003, to the Federal Register for publication. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the Federal Register on January 4, 2002 (67 FR 637).  

The crisis between the United States and Libya that led to the declaration on January 7, 1986, of a national emergency has not been resolved. Despite the United Nations Security Council’s suspension of U.N. sanctions against Libya upon the Libyan government’s hand-over of the Pan Am 103 bombing suspects, Libya has not yet complied with its obligations under U.N. Security Council Resolutions 731 (1992), 748 (1992), and 883 (1993), which include Libya’s obligation to accept responsibility for the actions of its officials and pay compensation.  

For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Libya and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions against Libya to respond to this threat.  

Sincerely,  

GEORGE W. BUSH.
NOTICE

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO LIBYA

On January 7, 1986, by Executive Order 12543, President Reagan declared a national emergency to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Libya. On January 8, 1986, by Executive Order 12544, the President took additional measures to block Libyan assets in the United States. The President has transmitted a notice continuing this emergency to the Congress and the FEDERAL REGISTER every year since 1986.

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Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing for 1 year the national emergency with respect to Libya. This notice shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and transmitted to the Congress.

GEORGE W. BUSH.