

*Mar. 6 / Administration of George W. Bush, 2001*

Message on the Observance of Eid al-Adha  
*March 6, 2001*

Warm greetings to Muslims across the United States as you celebrate the Eid al-Adha holiday and join in spirit with the millions gathered in Mecca to uphold the traditions of one of your most sacred feasts.

America was built on a strong spiritual foundation, and the celebration of faith is central to our lives. As you celebrate the annual Hajj, the fifth pillar of Islam, you honor the great sacrifice and devotion of Abraham as recognized by Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. By educating others about your religious traditions, you enrich the lives of others in your local communities.

The variety of nations and cultures represented by those who travel to Mecca each year, and the varied ways in which Muslims contribute to American life across the United States, are powerful reminders that ethnic and racial differences need not divide us when we share common values and purposes. By building strong foundations of mutual respect, we can achieve peace and reconciliation in our world.

Laura joins me in sending best wishes for a joyous holiday celebration.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on Cyprus  
*March 6, 2001*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. Chairman:)*

In accordance with Public Law 95-384 (22 U.S.C. 2373(c)), I submit to you this report on progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question covering the period December 1, 2000–January 31, 2001. The previous submission covered events during October and November 2000.

The United Nations continued in its efforts to sustain the proximity talks that started in December 1999. The United

States remains committed to the United Nations effort to find a just and lasting settlement to the Cyprus problem.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Jesse Helms, chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Message to the Congress Transmitting a Report on Telecommunications Payments to Cuba  
*March 6, 2001*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Public Law 104-114, 110 Stat.

785, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), I transmit herewith a semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba by United States persons as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to

Department of the Treasury specific li- The White House,  
censes.

GEORGE W. BUSH March 6, 2001.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the Trade Policy Agenda and a  
Report on the Trade Agreements Program  
*March 6, 2001*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 163 of the Trade  
Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2213),  
I transmit herewith the 2001 Trade Policy

Agenda and 2000 Annual Report on the  
Trade Agreements Program.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,  
March 6, 2001.

Remarks Prior to Discussions With President Kim Dae-jung of  
South Korea and an Exchange With Reporters  
*March 7, 2001*

*President Bush.* Everybody in? It's been  
my honor to welcome President Kim here  
to the Oval Office. We had a very good  
discussion. We confirmed the close rela-  
tionship between our two countries. We  
talked about a lot of subjects, and we'll  
be glad to answer questions on some of  
those subjects. But first let me say how  
much I appreciate this man's leadership in  
terms of reaching out to the North Kore-  
ans.

He is leading; he is a leader. He is—  
and we've had a very frank discussion about  
his vision for peace on the Peninsula. It's  
a goal we share. After all, we've got vested  
interests there, and we had a very good  
discussion. I made it clear to the President,  
we look forward to working toward peace  
on the Peninsula, that we'll consult closely,  
that we'll stay in touch, that I do have  
some skepticism about the leader of North  
Korea, but that's not going to preclude us  
from trying to achieve the common objec-  
tives.

So, Mr. President, welcome. Thank you  
for being here.

*President Kim.* First of all, I would like  
to express my deepest gratitude to Presi-  
dent Bush for inviting me to visit Wash-  
ington and have this meeting with him, de-  
spite his very busy schedule, I'm sure, in  
these early weeks after inauguration.

I'm delighted to have had this oppor-  
tunity to start building friendship and close  
cooperative working relationship with Presi-  
dent Bush on a variety of issues. I thank  
the President for sharing his insight and  
wisdom with me concerning the situation  
in northeast Asia and the world, in general.  
And while discussing things with him, I  
could feel that I was sitting next to a leader  
who would take the world to greater peace  
and prosperity in the 21st century.

President Bush and I covered the whole  
variety of issues in ROK-U.S. relations. It  
has been a most useful exchange of views.  
We have agreed to work together towards  
the further strengthening of the ROK-U.S.