

any place that's like Texas, it's Australia—which is a high compliment, I want you to know.

*Bush-Howard Discussions*

Q. Mr. President, do you see a role for Australia in the development of your—

*President Bush.* I do. They're close allies. We'll have close consultation. I look forward to the Prime Minister's continuing advice. We have had great discussions about the Far East, and his advice is very valuable

for our foreign policy. There's nothing like a friend who will tell the truth.

NOTE: The exchange began at 11:20 a.m. on the West Colonnade at the White House. In his remarks, the President referred to former Australian Davis Cup captain John Newcombe. A reporter referred to the HMAS *Manoora*, an Australian naval ship which held several hundred asylum seekers refused entry into Australia. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

**Joint Statement Between the United States of America and Australia on the U.S.-Australia Alliance**

*September 10, 2001*

President George W. Bush and Prime Minister John Howard today commemorated the 50th anniversary of the U.S.-Australia alliance.

The two leaders reaffirmed that the alliance is an alliance between two peoples, tied by bonds of law and language, united by a history of shared struggle and sacrifice in defense of freedom and democracy, and finding new strength in the challenges of a changing world.

The President and the Prime Minister agreed that for fifty years, the friendship between the United States and Australia has advanced the cause of stability and security within the Asia-Pacific region and indeed throughout the world. The aspirations we have shared, for peace and prosperity for all, remain as firmly held as ever.

President Bush and Prime Minister Howard solemnly reaffirmed the commitment of the United States and Australia to the alliance under the ANZUS Treaty. They pledged anew their intent to strive together to promote order and goodwill between nations and to ensure that the alliance continues to play its vital role in preserving peace throughout the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

NOTE: The joint statement referred to ANZUS, the Security Treaty Between Australia, New Zealand, and the United States of America. An original was not available for verification of the content of this joint statement.

**Joint Statement Between the United States of America and Australia**

*September 10, 2001*

President George W. Bush and Prime Minister John Howard today reaffirmed the

strength and vitality of the bilateral relationship between Australia and the United