

realize its full potential. They're understanding there is such a thing as personal responsibility and sacrifice.

And perhaps the most vivid example of that came on 9/11 itself. People were flying across the airplane on what's now known as—then and now known as Flight 93. They heard their plane was going to be used as a weapon. They got on the phone, and they told their loved ones they loved them. They said a prayer. One guy said, "Let's roll." They served something greater than themselves by saving life. It's an example for all of us to remember that America is a country based upon our willingness to serve something greater than ourselves, our willingness to be something other than a materialistic society, a willingness for all of us to help define the American spirit and

love our neighbor so that our country can have its full potential available for everybody who is fortunate enough to be an American.

Listen, out of the evil done to this great land is going to come incredible good, because we're the greatest nation on the face of the Earth, full of the most fine and compassionate and decent citizens.

May God bless you all, and may God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:07 a.m. from a temporary stage in front of the monument. In his remarks, he referred to Representative John R. Thune of South Dakota, who introduced the President; and President Vladimir Putin of Russia.

Letter to Congressional Leaders on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979

August 14, 2002

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

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 emergency caused by

the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended, is to continue in effect beyond August 17, 2002, to the *Federal Register* for publication.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

NOTE: This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 16. The notice of August 14 is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Remarks at a Volunteer Barbecue Lunch in Crawford, Texas

August 16, 2002

Thank you, Mary. In case you don't know it, Mary is the maintenance supervisor at

the Crawford Independent School District.

[Applause] That's right. And when we arrive here in Crawford, she's got a lot to maintain—[laughter]—because, as you can see, we travel with a lot of people.

And Laura and I are here to thank you for helping make our stay and dealing with these large entourages go well. We appreciate it. We love to come to Crawford. We view it as our home. As you know, I bring my office with me, and you all help make the transition from Washington to the Crawford White House work well. And we understand that. We see many of you in the vans waiting for us when we come pulling out or meeting us at the airport there in Waco. We see a lot of you at the press avails. We see you when you're helping with our guests, our foreign dignitaries who come to visit. And all of you are doing a great job. So today what we'd like to do is to thank you, feed you—[laughter]—and photograph you. [Laughter]

I get a lot of work done here in Crawford. You know, it's hard for some to maybe understand, but the decision-making process never ends when you're the President. You're constantly being briefed and brought up to date on this, that, or the other. And I still make decisions here. I just find that I can—it's a different perspective when I come here, out of Washington, DC, to a place like Crawford, Texas. I'm reminded of the great values of our beloved Texas and the values of faith and family and friendship that you find in places like Crawford.

So I never quit being the President; I just have got a different perspective about

things. I might come to the same conclusion on decisions that I have to make, but I make them in a different environment. And this is a fabulous environment in which to make decisions and to meet with people.

We love it here. There's nothing better than to get up early in the morning and to go jogging across our ranch, see a couple of deer, talk to the turkeys—[laughter]—watch Barney chase them. [Laughter]

But we want to thank you for being good neighbors. We want to thank you all very much from the bottom of our heart for helping make our transitions to—back to home as smoothly as they have gone. We want you to know that one of these days, we'll be joining you in the coffee shop on a regular basis for eating lunch. In the meantime, we've got a job to do, and coming here really helps us do the job that you expect us to do.

So Laura and I thank you from the bottom of our heart. It's great to see you. We look forward to shaking every hand here and personally thanking you for all your hard work.

May God continue to bless America, and may God bless you and your families.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:15 a.m. at the Crawford Community Center. In his remarks, he referred to Mary Keltner, maintenance supervisor, Crawford Independent School District, who introduced the President.

Remarks on the Baseball Labor Dispute and an Exchange With Reporters in Crawford

August 16, 2002

The President. Let me start off by saying the baseball owners and the baseball players must understand that if there is a stop-

page, a work stoppage, a lot of fans are going to be furious, and I'm one. It is very important for these people to get together.