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NOTE: The President spoke at 8:01 p.m. in the Cross Hall at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to President Saddam

Hussein of Iraq. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Conclusion of Diplomatic Efforts  
With Regard to Iraq  
March 18, 2003

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

Consistent with section 3(b) of the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-243), and based on information available to me, including that in the enclosed document, I determine that:

- (1) reliance by the United States on further diplomatic and other peaceful means alone will neither (A) adequately protect the national security of the United States against the continuing threat posed by Iraq nor (B) likely lead to enforcement of all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions regarding Iraq; and
- (2) acting pursuant to the Constitution and Public Law 107-243 is consistent

with the United States and other countries continuing to take the necessary actions against international terrorists and terrorist organizations, including those nations, organizations, or persons who planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Ted Stevens, President pro tempore of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 19.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the Federal Ocean and Coastal  
Activities Report  
March 19, 2003

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with section 5 of the Oceans Act of 2000 (33 U.S.C. 857-19), I transmit herewith the first biennial Fed-

eral Ocean and Coastal Activities Report as prepared by my Administration.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,  
March 19, 2003.