

Statement on Signing the 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act December 3, 2003

Today, I have signed S. 189, the “21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act.” The Act authorizes appropriations for research in nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research and other related activities.

Several provisions of the Act, including sections 2(d)(2), 3(c)(1), 4(d), and 5(d), purport to call for executive branch officials to submit to the Congress proposals for legislation, including funding legislation. The executive branch shall implement these provisions in a manner consistent with the President’s constitutional authority to supervise the unitary executive branch and to recommend for the consideration of the

Congress such measures as the President judges necessary and expedient.

The executive branch shall construe section 2(b)(4)(E) of the Act in a manner consistent with the Government’s obligation under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution to ensure equal protection of the laws.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,
December 3, 2003.

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Remarks Prior to Discussions With King Abdullah II of Jordan and an Exchange With Reporters December 4, 2003

President Bush. We’re going to have some opening statements, and then I’ll take a couple of questions—two questions. The Jordanian press may want to ask a question.

First, Your Majesty, thanks for coming. It’s great to have you back. I view His Majesty as one of our really close friends in the world. You know, I went to London recently and gave a speech about reform and reform in the Middle East and the possibilities of governments that adhere to rule of law and transparency and women’s rights and economic freedom. And Your Majesty, you’re doing just that. I’m proud of your leadership. It’s—you’re a modern leader with a big heart and a vision for what is best for your people.

I also want to thank you for your very strong support in our mutual desire to

bring peace to the Middle East. We made a tough decision when it came to Iraq, and Your Majesty, you stood with us. And we made the right decision when it came to Iraq, because Iraq will be free and will be peaceful. And that’s in your interests, and it’s in our interests, and it’s in the world’s interests that we succeed.

I look forward to discussing with you a wide range of issues of our—of mutual concern. And I look forward to your wise counsel and advice.

King Abdullah II. Thank you, sir. Well, Mr. President, again, it’s always a pleasure to see you and to be back here in Washington. I’m very grateful for your support for the region, what you’re trying to do to bring peace and stability for all of us in the Middle East—Iraq, the Israelis, the