

Message to the Congress Transmitting a Report on Implementation of the Plan for Securing Nuclear Weapons, Material, and Expertise of the States of the Former Soviet Union

February 8, 2005

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 1205 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-314), I am providing a report prepared by my Administration on implementation during 2003 of the plan for securing nuclear weapons, material,

and expertise of the states of the former Soviet Union.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,
February 8, 2005.

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Remarks Following Discussions With President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland and an Exchange With Reporters

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President Bush. The President and I will have opening statements. I'll answer a question from the American press; he'll answer a question—or somebody will answer a question from the Polish press. And we'll do this twice.

Thank you all for coming. Welcome back to the Oval Office. It is my great pleasure to welcome my friend back here to discuss important international policy and policy related to our bilateral relationship. We've discussed and will continue to discuss very important issues. We'll talk about, of course, Iraq and our mutual desire to train Iraqis so that they can defend their own freedom. We'll talk about my trip to Europe. I'm looking forward to advice from my friend.

We'll continue to discuss the Ukraine, and let me just step back and say that I'm impressed by the leadership of President Kwasniewski when it came to the Ukraine. He showed remarkable leadership. And the people of Ukraine are better for it, and the world appreciates that, and I appreciate it.

We'll spend time continuing to talk about the importance of our bilateral relationship, whether it be trade and commerce or whether it be the ability of Polish folks to travel to the United States of America. The visa policy of the country has been under review for a while, and now we've got a way forward to make trips to America easier for Polish citizens.

I want to thank you for your leadership on that issue, Mr. Prime Minister. I mean, Mr. President. Excuse me. I demoted him. [Laughter] Well, it's not a demotion.

President Kwasniewski. No.

President Bush. It's a lateral transfer. [Laughter] Anyway, I am thrilled you're here and look forward to seeing you not only over lunch but in Brussels on my trip. Welcome.

President Kwasniewski. Thank you. So I should speak Polish in the beginning.

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, first of all, I would like to express my joy that this is my fourth visit already to the White House, visiting President George W. Bush.