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Black Expo, Inc.; Quinn Buckner, vice president of communications, National Basketball Association's Indiana Pacers; and Joseph D.

Farris, pastor, Zion Tabernacle Apostolic Faith Church.

Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting a Budget Amendment for the Department of Veterans Affairs

July 14, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

My Administration is committed to ensuring that our Nation's veterans continue to receive timely and high-quality health care. To this end, I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed \$1.977 billion FY 2006 budget amendment for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). I am requesting these resources to cover the ex-

pected increased costs in FY 2006 that VA will experience in its medical care budget.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

Message to the Congress Transmitting a Report on Reform of the Palestinian Security Services and Palestinian Authority

July 14, 2005

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 2106 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109-13), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, I herewith submit the enclosed report prepared by my Administra-

tion providing information on matters relating to the Palestinian Security Services and Palestinian Authority reform.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,

July 14, 2005.

Remarks on the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement in Dallas, North Carolina

July 15, 2005

Thank you. Please be seated. Thanks for the warm welcome. It's great to be back in North Carolina. It's always good to get

outside the beltway and into NASCAR country. [*Laughter*]

Laura called me—she was in Africa for the past week. She called me. She's fixing