

NOTE: The address was recorded at 7:36 a.m. on July 29 in the Cabinet Room at the White House for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on July 30. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 29 but

was embargoed for release until the broadcast. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

Remarks to Reporters at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland

July 30, 2005

President's Health/Visit With Marines

The President. I just finished two things. One, I had my physical, and I'm feeling pretty good. It's a great hospital to come to to get your physical.

But I also visited with some brave marines who have been wounded. It's a remarkable experience to meet with these incredibly courageous souls who keep their spirit. And I understand why they're serving the country. I met with their parents. I met with the healers who work here at Bethesda. It's a—it's such a great credit to our country to have a place such as this.

So I want to thank you for having me, and thanks for giving me my physical.

Rear Adm. Robinson. You're welcome, sir.

The President. Thank you.

Q. How's your health, sir?

The President. She's going to put out the return. I think you'll find it's pretty good. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:16 p.m. Participating in the visit was Rear Adm. Adam M. Robinson, Jr., USN, commander, National Naval Medical Center. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks to the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia

July 31, 2005

Daniel, thank you for your introduction. It's such an honor to be here. Laura and I join Americans across our country in extending our sympathy and prayers to the families of the Scout leaders who lost their lives so tragically earlier this week. The men you lost were models of good citizenship, leaders who stepped forward to serve a good and selfless cause. As Scout leaders, they devoted themselves to helping young men develop the character and skills they need to realize their dreams. These men will always be remembered for their leader-

ship and kindness. And you Scouts honor them by living up to the ideals of the scouting they served.

Daniel, I want to thank you for your introduction. I appreciate the Scouts picking a fellow Texan to introduce me.

I want to thank Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis for her leadership. I don't know if you realize this, but she sponsored legislation in the House of Representatives to ensure that the Boy Scouts are granted equal access to public lands.