

Remarks Following Discussions With President-Elect Felipe de Jesus Calderon Hinojosa of Mexico  
November 9, 2006

*President Bush.* It is my pleasure to have welcomed the President-elect of Mexico here to the Oval Office. I have had a fascinating and important conversation. This is a man who won a very good election. I'm proud of the Mexican people for conducting an election that is—was open and honest. We've spent a lot of time talking about vital issues. I have made it very clear to the President-elect that Mexico is a priority of this administration.

I know a fair amount about Mexico; after all, I was the Governor of Texas. I assured him that we will work very closely together. We talked about trade. We talked about mutual interests, fighting drugs, and we talked, of course, about migration. And I assured the President-elect that the words I said in the very Oval Office that we sit, about a comprehensive immigration vision, are words I still believe strongly.

And so I want to welcome you here. I wish you all the best as you—on your inauguration, on your big day. And I'm looking forward to working very closely with you.

*President-elect Calderon.* Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

[*At this point, President-elect Calderon spoke in Spanish, and no translation was provided.*]

*President Bush.* Si, senior. Gracias.  
Did you understand that?

*Q.* No.

[*President-elect Calderon spoke in Spanish, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter as follows.*]

*President-elect Calderon.* President Bush and I had a very good conversation today. And we reaffirmed the purpose that we both had, which is to strengthen the bilateral relationship between Mexico and the United States even more.

I expressed to President Bush my concern regarding the issue of migration. President Bush was very open to all the arguments that I have presented to him. And we both stressed the need to have a comprehensive vision with which we can move forward. This is, of course, an extremely important issue. It is not the only issue in our bilateral relationship.

We want to foster our trade relationship, our economic relationship even more. We both understand that the only solution to many of the problems that we have is to create well-paid jobs in Mexico. And for that, we need even more investment. We will continue to show the importance of democracy, the importance of free trade, the importance of all of these issues that will make us an even stronger nation, which will also strengthen the bilateral relationship.

And we were able to have a conversation between two people—two people who have very much in common. And we both look forward to a very constructive relationship in the future.

*President Bush.* Gracias. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:31 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House.

## Statement on the Death of Ed Bradley November 9, 2006

Laura and I are deeply saddened by the death of Ed Bradley. For over 40 years, the American people have turned to Ed as a trusted source of information about events that have shaped our Nation. From serving as a White House correspondent to his many years as a journalist for a tele-

vision newsmagazine, he produced distinctive investigative reports that inspired action and cemented his reputation as one of the most accomplished journalists of our time.

Today our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Bradley's family and colleagues.

## Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Iran November 9, 2006

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the Iran emergency declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979, is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2006.

Our relations with Iran have not yet returned to normal, and the process of implementing the January 19, 1981, agreements with Iran is still underway. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue for 1 year the national emergency declared on November 14, 1979, with respect to Iran.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,  
November 9, 2006.

NOTE: The notice is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Remarks Following a Meeting With Senators Harry Reid and Richard J. Durbin November 10, 2006

*The President.* I want to thank Senator Reid and Senator Durbin. Dick and I have had a really good discussion with them. The elections are over; the problems haven't gone away. And I assured the Senators that we will cooperate as closely as we can to

solve common problems. I, of course, said this after I congratulated them on great victories. I know they were proud of their team's efforts. And they ran good campaigns, and they talked about issues that the people care about, and they won.