

*July 21 / Administration of George W. Bush, 2007*

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

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Letter to Congressional Leaders on Resuming the Powers and Duties of the President of the United States

*July 21, 2007*

*Dear Madam Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Twenty-Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution, this letter shall constitute my written declaration that I am presently able to resume the discharge of the Constitutional powers and duties of the office of the President of the United States. With the transmittal of this letter,

I am resuming those powers and duties effective immediately.

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Statement on the Death of King Mohammed Zahir Shah of Afghanistan

*July 23, 2007*

Laura and I are saddened by the death of Mohammed Zahir Shah, who was King of Afghanistan from 1933 to 1973.

Zahir Shah was a monumental figure in Afghan history, and his life spanned vast changes in that country's political system. He returned to Afghanistan as an ordinary citizen in 2002, shortly after the Taliban regime was removed from power, and continued to play an important part in the life of his country. Zahir Shah supported the goal of a representative and freely

elected government in his homeland, and he encouraged Afghanistan toward democracy and stability. His presence in Afghanistan as a private citizen and "Father of the Nation" for the past several years has been an important factor in rebuilding Afghanistan.

On behalf of the American people, Laura and I extend our condolences to Mohammed Zahir Shah's family and to the people of Afghanistan.