

the Middle East. And when they look back at this period, Mr. Prime Minister, they'll say, job well done.

I'm honored to be here on the soil of an ally like Australia. We share values, we share vision, and we share resolve to not only protect our people but to spread the peace. God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:05 a.m. at the Sydney Opera House. In his remarks, he

referred to Prime Minister John W. Howard of Australia; Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, senior Al Qaida leader responsible for the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack, who was captured in Karachi, Pakistan, on March 1, 2003; Usama bin Laden, leader of the Al Qaida terrorist organization; and Zarkasih (also known as Mbah), acting emir, and Abu Dujanah, military leader, Jemaah Islamiyah terrorist organization, both captured on the island of Jakarta, Indonesia, on June 9.

### Remarks at a Luncheon With Southeast Asian Leaders in Sydney *September 7, 2007*

*President Bush.* Mr. Prime Minister, thank you very much for inviting me to join the ASEAN group. ASEAN represents our fourth largest trading partner. In other words, this is a group of friends that represent more than just social acquaintances; you represent commerce and trade and prosperity. And I want to thank you very much for giving me the chance to come and talk to you about our common interests and common goals.

I have invited the ASEAN leaders to Texas at their convenience. I'm looking forward to hosting you down there. I'm looking forward to continuing our constructive conversation on—whether it be democracy or fighting terror or expanding trade or avian flu or climate change.

I also am pleased to announce that we'll be naming an Ambassador to ASEAN, so that we can make sure that the ties we've established over the past years remain firmly entrenched.

So I appreciate your hospitality. It's good to be amongst friends. I enjoyed our candid conversation, and I thank you for your leadership in this important part of the world.

*Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore.* Thank you. Thank you very much.

*President Bush.* You bet. Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:49 p.m. at the InterContinental Sydney.

### Remarks Following a Meeting With President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea in Sydney *September 7, 2007*

*President Bush.* Mr. President, thank you for your time. As usual, we had a very friendly and frank discussion about important matters. We discussed our bilateral relations, which are very strong. And we

thank you for your contributions to helping young democracies such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

But we spent a lot of time talking about the six-party talks and the progress that is