

back? I have. People say, “Why do you think?” I say, because our people are optimistic, hard-working, decent people. That’s why. I mean, this economy rests in the hands of the American people, not in the halls of our Government.

Winston Churchill, when he came here, by the way—I dug out a quote that I’d like to read to you. He said: “Some . . . regard private enterprise as a predatory tiger to be shot, while others look at it as a cow that they can milk. Only a handful see it for what it really is: the strong and willing horse that pulls the whole cart along.” I don’t know if he said it right here in this very hall, but that’s what he said. Government policy ought to recognize

who’s pulling this economy, and that would be the entrepreneurs and workers of America.

So I want to thank you for giving me a chance to share some thoughts with you. Thank you for taking risk. Thank you for helping Chicago and the area around Chicago. You’re one of the really great locations in the United States of America. Mr. Mayor, I’m honored to be with you again. Appreciate your time. God bless you. May God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:18 p.m. at the Union League Club of Chicago. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Richard M. Daley of Chicago, IL.

### Statement on the Situation in Kenya *January 7, 2008*

I welcome the visit of African Union Chairman John Kufuor to Nairobi to help facilitate a dialogue to resolve Kenya’s political crisis. I condemn the use of violence as a political tool and appeal to both sides to engage in peaceful dialogue aimed at finding a lasting political solution. The Government of Kenya has acknowledged that voting irregularities have occurred, and the Orange Democratic Movement has pledged to refrain from further protests that could

detract from reconciliation efforts. I now urge both sides to enter this dialogue in good faith to earn back the trust of the Kenyan people, who deserve a political process that reflects their dedication to democracy. I remain heartened by the voices of peace that have emerged through Kenya’s robust media and civil society. The United States supports their efforts to continue to hold their political leaders to account.

### Remarks Following a Meeting With President Abdullah Gul of Turkey *January 8, 2008*

*President Bush.* It’s been my honor to welcome the President of Turkey here. Mr. President, I’m glad you’re here. This is not his first trip to Washington. I can remember many a time you sitting in the Oval Office as the Foreign Minister, and now

you come representing the—representing a great strategic partner as its President.

Turkey is a strategic partner of the United States. Relations between the United States and Turkey are important for our country. And we have worked hard to