

and daughter listening this morning: Remember to tell mom, the first thing tomorrow, how much you love her.

Thank you for listening.

NOTE: The address was recorded at 7:20 a.m. on May 8 in the Cabinet Room at the White House for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on May

10. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 9, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on May 10. In the address, the President referred to Henry Hager, fiance of Jenna Bush. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

## Remarks on Departure From Waco, Texas May 11, 2008

Laura and I want to wish everybody a happy Mother's Day. It's just a special day for—to give thanks to our moms, to appreciate the hard work that moms do. And I understand that for some, however, Mother's Day is a sad day for those who lost their lives in Oklahoma and Missouri and Georgia because of the tornadoes—are wondering whether or not tomorrow will be a bright and hopeful day.

We send our prayers to those who lost their lives, the families of those who lost their lives. And the Federal Government will be moving hard to help. I'll be in touch with the Governors to offer all the Federal assistance we can.

This Mother's Day weekend was awfully special for Laura and me. Our little girl

Jenna married a really good guy, Henry Hager. The wedding was spectacular. It's just—it's all we could have hoped for. The weather was—cooperated nicely, and just as the vows were exchanged, the sun set over our lake. And it was just a special day and a wonderful day, and we're mighty blessed.

Anyway, thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:52 a.m. at Texas State Technical College. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. C. Bradford Henry of Oklahoma; Gov. Matthew R. Blunt of Missouri; and Gov. George E. "Sonny" Perdue of Georgia.

## Interview With Nadia Bilbassy Charters of Al Arabiya Television May 12, 2008

*Ms. Bilbassy Charters.* Mr. President, thank you very much for your time, sir.

*The President.* I am honored to be with you again. Thank you.

### *Situation in Lebanon*

*Ms. Bilbassy Charters.* Thank you. And of course, we're going to focus on Lebanon. You have been a strong supporter of Prime Minister Siniora. Yet when he came under

attack, he seems to be abandoned—not the U.S. and not the U.N., not Arab countries came to his aid. How do you explain that?

*The President.* Well, I don't think it's an accurate description that the United States hasn't stayed in contact with him, has listened to him, has listened to his requests. I mean, we're in contact with him a lot. And the reason why is because I personally admire Prime Minister Siniora,