

Memorandum on Delegation of Certain Authority Under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008

April 27, 2009

Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense

Subject: Delegation of Certain Authority Under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby delegate to you the functions and authority conferred upon the President by section 722 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008,

Public Law 110–181, to establish and maintain a Joint Pathology Center in the Department of Defense.

You are authorized and directed to notify the appropriate congressional committees and publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: This memorandum was not received for publication in the *Federal Register*.

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Senior Officials at the Federal Bureau of Investigation and an Exchange With Reporters

April 28, 2009

The President. Hello, everybody. Good to see you. I'm really looking forward to having a chance to talk to Bob and the rest of his team. He has been integral in many of our national security conversations, our counterterrorism strategy. I am extraordinarily pleased with the job that the Director has done not just during my tenure in office, but preceding me.

By all accounts, the FBI has done an outstanding job of transitioning during an age of terrorism, cyber threats, a whole host—identity theft—a whole host of new challenges. They have been able to adapt. And with the Director at the helm, I have very, very great confidence that the FBI will continue to help keep the American people safe.

I'm also pleased to see that there's been, I think, greatly improved coordination between the FBI and State and local law enforcement officials, something that had not always been there previously. I think it's been greatly improved over the last several years.

So this gives me, basically, an opportunity to hear directly from the FBI, and to say thank you to all the dedicated agents and everybody

who's out there working in the field to keep us safe each and every day.

All right.

Air Force Presidential Jet Photo Opportunity Over New York City

Q. Sir, what do you think of the Air Force One incident——

The President. No—no questions——

Q. ——over New York City yesterday, sir?

Q. Are you concerned about New York City yesterday, sir, with the Air Force plane?

The President. It was a mistake, as was stated. It was something we found out about along with all of you, and it will not happen again.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:10 a.m. at the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building. In his remarks, he referred to Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.