

Memorandum on Delegation of Certain Functions Under Section 1232 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

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Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense

Subject: Delegation of Certain Functions Under Section 1232 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

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 1232 of the National Defense

Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84), to make the specified report to the Congress.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on April 28, but was not received for publication in the *Federal Register*.

Remarks at POET Biorefining in Macon, Missouri

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Hello, everybody. Hello, POET. Thank you so much. Thank you, everybody. Please have a seat. It is wonderful to be here. It is wonderful to be in Missouri. It is wonderful to be this close to my house. [*Laughter*]

I want to thank POET for their great hospitality today. I want to make a few acknowledgments. We've got some special guests: first of all, your outstanding Governor of the great State of Missouri, Jay Nixon; the mayor of Macon, Doug Bagler [Dale Bagley]^{*}; and one of my favorite people, who I believe is going to be doing outstanding things, has already done great work as secretary of state, and I think is going to be an outstanding—eventually—United States Senator as well, Robin Carnahan. Your attorney general, Chris Koster, is here. The Missouri Director of Agriculture, Dr. Jon Hagler, is here.

The CEO of POET, Jeff Broin, is here—there's Jeff; the president of POET-Macon, John Eggleston; and the general manager, who gave me an outstanding tour, Steve Burnett. Where did Steve go? There he is, back there.

Also in the house is the Secretary of Agriculture for the United States of America, former Governor of Iowa, Tom Vilsack.

Well, thank you so much for the warm welcome. It is good to be in Missouri. It is good to be with all of you here at POET.

Steve just gave Secretary Vilsack and myself a tour of this outstanding facility, and I know Steve is very proud of the anniversary that's going to be coming up. Ten years ago next month, this plant produced its first gallon of ethanol. And Steve was there, and others were there, and that's something to be very proud of. Today, you've got 45 employees who are producing 46 million gallons a year. So that means one of you is overachieving. [*Laughter*] Congratulations to all of you.

I came here today, and I visited Iowa yesterday, because there's a lot that towns here in the heartland, here in Middle America, can teach the rest of the country. There's certainly a lot that you can share with Washington, including some common sense. So I wanted to talk with you about your communities, what you're going through, what you're experiencing, not only the economic pain, which I think a lot of us have

^{*} White House correction.