

son, concluding the proposed Convention has been a top priority for the Department of the Treasury's tax treaty program.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the proposed Con-

vention and related agreement and give its advice and consent to their ratification.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,
November 15, 2010.

Message to the Senate Transmitting the Protocol Amending the Luxembourg-United States Taxation Convention

November 15, 2010

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to its ratification, the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009. I also transmit for the information of the Senate the report of the Department of State, which includes an Overview of the proposed Protocol and related agreement.

The proposed Protocol and related agreement provide for more robust exchange of information between tax authorities in the two countries to facilitate the administration of each country's tax laws. They generally follow the current U.S. Model Income Tax Convention and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development standards for exchange of tax information.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the proposed Protocol and related agreement and give its advice and consent to their ratification.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,
November 15, 2010.

Remarks on Presenting the Congressional Medal of Honor to Staff Sergeant Salvatore A. Giunta

November 16, 2010

Good afternoon, everybody. Please be seated. On behalf of Michelle and myself, welcome to the White House. Thank you, Chaplain Carver, for that beautiful invocation.

Of all the privileges that come with serving as President of the United States, I have none greater than serving as Commander in Chief of the finest military that the world has ever known. And of all the military decorations that a President and a nation can bestow, there is none higher than the Medal of Honor.

Now, today is particularly special. Since the end of the Vietnam war, the Medal of Honor

has been awarded nine times for conspicuous gallantry in an ongoing or recent conflict. Sadly, our Nation has been unable to present this decoration to the recipients themselves, because each gave his life—his last full measure of devotion—for our country. Indeed, as President, I have presented the Medal of Honor three times, and each time to the families of a fallen hero.

Today, therefore, marks the first time in nearly 40 years that the recipient of the Medal of Honor for an ongoing conflict has been able to come to the White House and accept this