

They must be brought to justice for this barbaric and heinous act. We are continuing to gather information regarding this terrible event and are prepared to offer any necessary assistance to the Government of Egypt in responding to it.

The attack near an army barracks in Abuja also reportedly killed more than 20 people and wounded many more. Killing innocent civilians who were simply gathering, like so many people around the world, to celebrate the begin-

ning of a new year further demonstrates the bankrupt vision of those who carry out these attacks, and we are similarly prepared to offer assistance to the Government of Nigeria as it works to bring the perpetrators to justice.

The United States extends its deepest condolences to the families of those killed and to the wounded in both of these attacks, and we stand with the Nigerian and Egyptian people at this difficult time.

Statement on Signing the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010

January 2, 2011

I was honored to sign the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act to ensure that rescue and recovery workers, residents, students, and others suffering from health consequences related to the World Trade Center disaster have access to the medical monitoring and treatment they need. We will never forget the selfless courage demonstrat-

ed by the firefighters, police officers, and first-responders who risked their lives to save others. I believe this is a critical step for those who continue to bear the physical scars of those attacks.

NOTE: H.R. 847, approved January 2, was assigned Public Law No. 111-347.

Exchange With Reporters Aboard Air Force One

January 3, 2011

President's Visit to Hawaii

The President. Did you guys have a little bit of fun?

Q. Happy New Year.

The President. Happy New Year. I hope you guys had a little fun. At least one guy had the right wardrobe.

Q. Did you have beans in your shaved ice? I ask this every year.

The President. No, I did not. I'm a plain shaved ice guy. No beans, no ice cream, no sweet milk on top.

Q. What were the flavors today?

The President. I went for the melon and cherry. I was——

Q. Consistent.

The President. I was consistent.

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit

Q. Could the Democratic Convention be out here? Have you considered bringing it out here? [*Laughter*]

The President. Well, we've got the APEC convention, so we'll be back in November. That will be a big event. So everybody is very excited about that. The mayor and Governor and all those folks are excited.

Congress/Bipartisanship

Q. A serious question: Are you concerned you're going to get a chilly reception in Washington? Republicans, on Sunday, were talking about the first thing they're going to do is repeal health care. They're talking about asking you to get rid of Eric Holder, the Attorney

General. It sounds like a relatively chilly reception awaiting you.

The President. Well, I mean, I think that there's going to be politics. That's what happens in Washington. They are going to play to their base for a certain period of time. But I'm pretty confident that they're going to recognize that our job is to govern and make sure that we are delivering jobs for the American people and that we're creating a competitive economy for the 21st century, not just for this generation, but the next one.

And so my expectation, my hope is that John Boehner and Mitch McConnell will realize that there will be plenty of time to campaign for 2012 in 2012 and that our job this year is to make sure that we build on the recovery. We started to make good progress on that during

the lame duck, and I expect to build on that progress when I get back.

All right?

Q. What do you think about their effort to repeal health care?

Q. Anything on Larry Summers's replacement?

The President. Thank you, guys. Happy New Year.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10 p.m. while en route to Joint Base Andrews, MD. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Peter B. Carlisle of Honolulu, HI; and Gov. Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on January 4. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on the Resignation of Robert L. Gibbs as White House Press Secretary *January 5, 2011*

For the last 6 years, Robert has been a close friend, one of my closest advisers, and an effective advocate from the podium for what this administration has been doing to move America forward. I think it's natural for him to want

to step back, reflect, and retool. That brings up some challenges and opportunities for the White House, but it doesn't change the important role that Robert will continue to play on our team.

Message to the Congress on 2010 Census Redistricting *January 5, 2011*

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to title 2, United States Code, section 2a(a), I transmit herewith the statement showing the apportionment population for each State as of April 1, 2010, and the number

of Representatives to which each State would be entitled.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,
January 5, 2011.

Remarks on the Appointment of William M. Daley as White House Chief of Staff *January 6, 2011*

Please have a seat, everybody. Happy New Year. Last October, when my former Chief of Staff, Rahm Emanuel, departed to pursue oth-

er opportunities in Chicago, I asked Pete Rouse, one of my most trusted aides, to step into the breach and lead us through a very