

will have cut that by one third. And by doing so, we're going to make our economy less vulnerable to wild swings in oil prices, we're going to use cleaner sources of energy that don't imperil our climate, and we're going to spark new products and businesses all over the country by tapping America's greatest renewable resource: our ingenuity.

We know how important this is. This week, we learned that the economy added 230,000 private sector jobs last month. That makes 1.8 million private sector jobs created in the last 13 months. That's a good sign. But we have to keep up the momentum, and transitioning to a clean energy economy will help us do that. It

will ensure that the United States of America is the home of the jobs and industries of tomorrow. That's how we'll win the future. That's how we'll leave our children an America that's more secure and prosperous than before.

Thanks, and have a great weekend.

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 12:50 p.m. on April 1 at the UPS Customer Center in Landover, MD, for broadcast on April 2. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on April 1, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on April 2.

### Statement on the Attack on a United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan Compound in Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan *April 2, 2011*

Today the American people honor those who were lost in the attack on the United Nations in Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan. Once again, we extend our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who were killed and to the people of the nations that they came from. The desecration of any holy text, including the Koran, is an act of extreme intolerance and bigotry. However, to attack and kill

innocent people in response is outrageous and an affront to human decency and dignity. No religion tolerates the slaughter and beheading of innocent people, and there is no justification for such a dishonorable and deplorable act. Now is a time to draw upon the common humanity that we share and that was so exemplified by the U.N. workers who lost their lives trying to help the people of Afghanistan.

### Statement on the Death of Former Representative John H. Adler *April 4, 2011*

Michelle and I were deeply saddened to learn of the premature passing of former Congressman John Adler today.

John was a dedicated public servant who fought tirelessly for the people of New Jersey for more than two decades. John always stood by his principles and served with an unwavering

energy for the causes he believed in: creating jobs, providing tax relief for New Jersey families, and standing up for seniors and veterans.

Our hearts and prayers go out to John's wife Shelley and his sons Jeffrey, Alex, Andrew, and Oliver. John was taken from us far too soon, and he will be greatly missed.

### Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report Related to Afghanistan and Pakistan *April 4, 2011*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

In response to section 1117 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law

111-32, the "Act"), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, I am providing the attached report related to Afghanistan and Pakistan. This is the third report submitted under

section 1117 of the Act and follows my September 2010 submission.

This report covers the period from July 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, and provides an update on our assessment since that date. In December, my Administration completed a thorough review of our progress against our core policy objectives in Afghanistan and Pakistan during 2010. The 2010 Afghanistan-Pakistan Annual Review also included an evaluation of the progress made during the period of this report, which marked the full deployment of the U.S. troop “surge” to Afghanistan that I announced in December 2009.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the Senate; Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid; Senate Minority Leader A. Mitchell McConnell; Daniel K. Inouye, chairman, and W. Thad Cochran, vice chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations; Carl M. Levin, chairman, and John S. McCain III, ranking member, Senate Committee on Armed Services; John F. Kerry, chairman, and Richard G. Lugar, ranking member, Senate committee on Foreign Rela-

tions; Joseph I. Lieberman, chairman, and Susan M. Collins, ranking member, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Patrick J. Leahy, chairman, and Charles E. Grassley, ranking member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Dianne Feinstein, chair, and C. Saxby Chambliss, vice chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; Speaker of the House of Representatives John A. Boehner; House Majority Leader Eric I. Cantor; House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi; Harold D. Rogers, chairman, and Norman D. Dicks, ranking member, House Committee on Appropriations; Howard P. “Buck” McKeon, chairman, and Adam Smith, ranking member, House Committee on Armed Services; Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, chair, and Howard L. Berman, ranking member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs; Peter T. King, chairman, and Bennie G. Thompson, ranking member, House Committee on Homeland Security; Lamar S. Smith, chairman, and John J. Conyers, Jr., ranking member, House Committee on the Judiciary; and Michael J. Rogers, chairman, and C.A. “Dutch” Ruppertsberger, ranking member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on April 5.

## Remarks on the Federal Budget and an Exchange With Reporters *April 5, 2011*

*The President.* Good afternoon. As many of you know, this morning I had a meeting with Speaker Boehner, Leader Reid, as well as the two Appropriations chairs, Inouye and Rogers, to discuss the situation with last year’s budget, and I wanted to give you and, more importantly, the American people an update on where we are.

From the outset, my goal has been to significantly cut our domestic spending, but at the same time, make sure we’re making key investments in things like education, infrastructure, innovation—the things that are going to help us win the future.

And over the course of the last several months, we have identified areas where we can

make substantial cuts. In fact, what we’ve been able to do is to present to the House Republicans a budget framework that would cut the same amount of spending as Speaker Boehner and Chairman Rogers originally proposed—their original proposal for how much would be cut.

And several weeks ago, there were discussions in—between the White House and Speaker Boehner’s office in which we said, let’s start negotiating off of that number, \$73 billion. We are now closer than we have ever been to getting an agreement. There’s no reason why we should not get an agreement. As I said before, we have now matched the number that the Speaker originally sought.