

a great friend in the people of Panama, and we hope that the people of Panama know that they have a great friend in the United States of America.

President Martinelli. Thank you.

President Obama. Thank you so much. Thank you.

President Martinelli. Well, thank you very much. Thank you, President Obama. This has been a very fruitful meeting for Panama and the United States.

As you all know, we—Panama has completed all the necessary steps in order to have a free trade agreement with the U.S. This new agreement will bring jobs for both countries. It will meet—it will also bring growth for the United States and for Panama.

The United States is Panama's main and biggest ally, and we have always looked to the United States as our main supplier of many goods and services.

At the same time, we also spoke about the security issues. And Panama, as you all know, is the first frontier to the—in Central America to the drug-producing countries. And being Pan-

ama successful makes a U.S. much safer in crime and drugs in all the cities of the United States. The more drugs that we catch, the less amount of drugs that will come to the United States.

We have a—we are going to work very closely with the United States in—on security and on commerce, because this is the only way that we can expand growth in both of our economies, expand trade, expand jobs. And at the same time, this will bring better quality of life to the citizens—all the citizens of the U.S. and of Panama.

President Obama. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you very much.

President Martinelli. Mr. President, thank you very much.

President Obama. Thank you. Thank you, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:26 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Mariano Rivera, pitcher, Major League Baseball's New York Yankees.

Statement on United States District Court Approval of the Settlement in the *Keepseagle* Class-Action Lawsuit on Discrimination by the Department of Agriculture

April 28, 2011

Today the U.S. District Court approved the settlement reached by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Justice with the plaintiffs in the *Keepseagle* class-action lawsuit. This is yet another important step forward in addressing an unfortunate chapter in USDA's civil rights history.

This settlement would not have been reached without the leadership of Secretary

Vilsack and Attorney General Holder, and I want to thank them both for their hard work on behalf of Native American farmers. Today's approval of the settlement will help strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship with Indian Country and reinforce the idea that all citizens have a right to be treated fairly by their Government.

Remarks Following a Tour of Tornado Damage in Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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The President. Well, Michelle and I want to express, first of all, our deepest condolences to not just the city of Tuscaloosa, but the State of Alabama and all the other States that have

been affected by this unbelievable storm. We just took a tour, and I've got to say, I've never seen devastation like this. It is heartbreaking. We were just talking to some residents here