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*The President.* Thank you.  
*Secretary of Commerce Gary F. Locke.* Thank you, Mr. President.  
*The President.* Thank you, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:27 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Julia, Jane, Ruth, and Kathleen Bryson, daughters of Secretary-designate Bryson.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting Designations Under the Kingpin Act June 1, 2011

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

This report to the Congress, under section 804(a) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act, 21 U.S.C. 1901–1908 (the “Kingpin Act”), transmits my designations of the following seven foreign individuals as appropriate for sanctions under the Kingpin Act and reports my direction of sanctions against them under the Act:

Manuel Torres Felix (Mexico)  
Gonzalo Inzunza Inzunza (Mexico)  
Haji Lal Jan Ishaqzai (Afghanistan)  
Kamchybek Asanbekovich Kolbayev (Kyrgyzstan)  
John Harun Mwau (Kenya)  
Naima Mohamed Nyakiniywa (Kenya)  
Javier Antonio Calle Serna (Colombia)

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Carl M. Levin, chairman, and John S. McCain III,

ranking member, Senate Committee on Armed Services; Max S. Baucus, chairman, and Orrin G. Hatch, ranking member, Senate Committee on Finance; John F. Kerry, chairman, and Richard G. Lugar, ranking member, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Patrick J. Leahy, chairman, and Charles E. Grassley, ranking member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Dianne Feinstein, chairman, and C. Saxby Chambliss, vice chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; Howard P. “Buck” McKeon, chairman, and Adam Smith, ranking member, House Committee on Armed Services; Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, chairman, and Howard L. Berman, ranking member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs; Lamar S. Smith, chairman, and John J. Conyers, Jr., ranking member, House Committee on the Judiciary; David L. Camp, chairman, and Sander M. Levin, ranking member, House Committee on Ways and Means; and Michael J. Rogers, chairman, and C.A. “Dutch” Ruppertsberger, ranking member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

## Remarks at the Pritzker Architecture Prize Ceremony June 2, 2011

Thank you very much. Thank you. Please, please, everybody, have a seat.

Well, thank you, Tom, for that introduction. Thank you to the entire Pritzker family for your friendship and incredible generosity towards so many causes. I want to welcome as

well the diplomatic corps that is here, as well as Secretary Arne Duncan.

On behalf of Michelle and myself, I want to begin by congratulating tonight’s winner, Eduardo Souto de Moura. And I also want to recognize the members of the prize jury, who I

think have a very difficult task in choosing from so many outstanding architects all around the world.

Now, as Tom mentioned, my interest in architecture goes way back. There was a time when I thought I could be an architect, where I expected to be more creative than I turned out—so I had to go into politics instead. [Laughter]

And as the Pritzkers and so many others here can attest, if you love architecture there are few better places to live than in my hometown of Chicago. It is the birthplace of the skyscraper, a city filled with buildings and public spaces designed by architects like Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Frank Gehry, who is here tonight.

In fact, the headquarters of our last campaign was in a building based on a design by Mies van der Rohe. And for 2 years, we crammed it full of hundreds of people working around the clock and surviving on nothing but pizza. [Laughter] I'm not sure if that's what Mies had in mind, but it worked out pretty well for us.

And that's what architecture is all about. It's about creating buildings and spaces that inspire us, that help us do our jobs, that bring us together, and that become, at their best, works of art that we can move through and live in. And in the end, that's why architecture can be considered the most democratic of art forms.

That's perhaps why Thomas Jefferson, who helped enshrine the founding principles of our Nation, had such a passion for architecture and design. He spent more than 50 years perfecting his home at Monticello. And he spent countless hours sketching and revising his architectural drawings for the University of Virginia, a place where he hoped generations would study and become, as he described it, "the future bulwark of the human mind in this hemisphere."

Like Jefferson, tonight's honoree has spent his career not only pushing the boundaries of his art, but doing so in a way that serves the public good. Eduardo Souto de Moura has designed homes, shopping centers, art galleries, schools, and subway stations, all in a style that seems as effortless as it is beautiful. He's an expert at the use of different materials and colors, and his simple shapes and clean lines always fit seamlessly into their surroundings.

Perhaps Eduardo's most famous work is the stadium he designed in Braga, Portugal. Never one to settle for the easy answer, Eduardo wanted to build this particular stadium on the side of a mountain. So he blasted out nearly a million and a half cubic yards of granite from the mountainside, then crushed it to make the concrete necessary to build the stadium.

He also took great care to position the stadium in such a way that anyone who couldn't afford a ticket could watch the match from the surrounding hillsides, kind of like Portugal's version of Wrigley Field. [Laughter]

And that combination of form and function, of artistry and accessibility, is why today we honor Eduardo with what is known as the Nobel Prize of architecture. As Frank Gehry, a former winner of this prize, said, "Architecture should speak of its time and place, but yearn for timelessness." I want to thank all the men and women who create these timeless works of art, not only to bring us joy, but to help make this world a better place.

And, Tom, thank you again for your extraordinary patronage of architecture. It makes an enormous difference. Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 7:04 p.m. at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium. In his remarks, he referred to Thomas J. Pritzker, chairman and president of the Hyatt Foundation, sponsor of the Pritzker Architecture Prize.

## Remarks at the Chrysler Toledo Assembly Complex in Toledo, Ohio June 3, 2011

*The President.* Thank you, everybody. Thank you. Everybody, please have a seat. Please have a seat.

It is good to be back in Toledo. It is good to be with all of you. Now, for those of you who I've met up close, I just want you to know that