

The American people are with me with this. And it's time for folks running around spending all their time talking about what's wrong with America to spend some time rolling up their sleeves to help us make it right. There's nothing wrong in this country that we can't fix. There are no challenges that we can't meet and especially when it comes to building things in America. It was in the middle of the Civil War that Lincoln built the transcontinental railroad. It was during the Great Depression that we built the Hoover Dam that brought electricity to rural America.

We have built things even in the toughest of times—especially in the toughest of times—because it helps us improve our economy. It gets us going. It taps into that can-do American spirit. It gives us pride about what we can accomplish. Now it's our turn to forge the future.

Everybody here, we are Americans. We're not people who sit back and watch things happening. And if Congress tells you they don't have time, they've got time to do it. We've been—in the House of Representatives, what have you guys been debating? John, you've

been debating a commemorative coin for baseball? [Laughter] You had legislation reaffirming that "In God We Trust" is our motto? That's not putting people back to work. I trust in God, but God wants to see us help ourselves by putting people back to work.

There's work to be done. There are workers ready to do it. The American people are behind this. Democrats, Republicans, Independents believe in this. These are ideas that have been supported by all those groups in the past. There's no reason not to do it this time. I want you to make sure your voice is heard in the Halls of Congress. I want us to put people back to work, get this economy growing again, and remind the entire world just why it is that America is the greatest country on Earth.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:24 a.m. at the Georgetown Waterfront Park. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Vincent C. Gray of Washington, DC; and Sens. Kathryn A. "Kay" Bailey Hutchison and John F. Kerry.

Memorandum on Delegation of Authority To Submit the Certification and Reports Specified in the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (the "New START Treaty")

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Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence

Subject: Delegation of Authority to Submit the Certification and Reports Specified in the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (the "New START Treaty")

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 301 of title

3, United States Code, I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of State to make the annual certification specified in section (a)(2)(A) of the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification of the New START Treaty, and I hereby authorize and direct the Director of National Intelligence to prepare the report specified in that section. The Secretary of State shall submit the certification along with the report prepared by the Director of National Intelligence to the Senate.

I also hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of State to submit the reports specified in section (a)(10) and section (a)(12)(B) of the

Resolution to the Committees on Foreign Relations and Armed Services of the Senate.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: This memorandum was not received for publication in the *Federal Register*.

Remarks Following a Meeting With President Nicolas Sarkozy of France in Cannes, France November 3, 2011

President Obama. Well, it is wonderful to be back in France. And I want to thank my excellent friend and colleague, Nicolas Sarkozy, for his hospitality. He and I obviously have worked together on a wide range of issues since I've been President, and I always welcome his frank and honest assessment of the situations here.

It's also nice to be back visiting in France. The last time I was in the south of France, or the first time, rather, was as a college student, and I've never forgotten the extraordinary hospitality of the French people and the extraordinary views that are available here.

This morning President Sarkozy and I reaffirmed our strong and enduring ties, and I've said on many occasions that France is not only our oldest ally, but also one of our closest, and I consider Nicolas to be an outstanding and trusted partner on the world stage.

I think it's no surprise that we spent most of our conversation focused on strengthening the global economic recovery so that we are creating jobs for our people and stabilizing the financial markets around the world. The most important aspect of our task over the next 2 days is to resolve the financial crisis here in Europe. President Sarkozy has shown extraordinary leadership on this issue. I agree with him that the EU has made some important steps towards a comprehensive solution, and that would not have happened without Nicolas's leadership. But here at the G-20 we're going to have to flesh out more of the details about how the plan will be fully and decisively implemented.

And we also discussed the situation in Greece and how we can work to help resolve

that situation as well. And the United States will continue to be a partner with the Europeans to resolve these challenges.

We had the opportunity also to talk about a range of security issues. One in particular that I want to mention is the continuing threat posed by Iran's nuclear program. The IAEA is scheduled to release a report on Iran's nuclear program next week, and President Sarkozy and I agree on the need to maintain the unprecedented international pressure on Iran to meet its obligations.

And finally, I'm looking forward to joining Nicolas and servicemembers from both of our countries tomorrow to celebrate the alliance between our two countries, which spans more than 200 years, from Yorktown to Libya.

And finally, I want to make mention that this is our first meeting since the arrival of the newest Sarkozy, and so I want to congratulate Nicolas and Carla on the birth of Giulia. And I informed Nicolas on the way in that I am confident that Giulia inherited her mother's looks rather than her father's—[laughter]—which I think is an excellent thing. And so now we share one of the greatest challenges and blessings of life, and that is being fathers to our daughters.

So again, Nicolas, thank you for your friendship, thank you for our partnership, and thank you for your gracious hospitality.

President Sarkozy. Well, you see Barack Obama's tremendous influence. For 4 years now, he's been explaining to me that to be a father to daughters is a fantastic experience—he who has two daughters. So I have listened to him. As a matter of fact, I followed his example.