

Mr. Prime Minister, many of our American soldiers here today are also part of the 500—503d Airborne, “The Rock.” They’re strong. They’re tough. They hold their ground. And NATO, including the United States, will defend Estonia, will defend Latvia, will defend Lithuania, will defend all of our NATO allies. Americans are proud to be at your side as you won your independence a century ago. We’ll be by your side, helping you to protect that independence for the centuries to come.

So thank you, Mr. Prime Minister, for being such a strong partner. And thanks to all of you for stepping forward, for putting on a uniform, for serving in this mission, which is so vital to the security of our nations. You make us proud, and we can never thank you enough.

God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 4:48 p.m. In his remarks, Prime Minister Roivas referred to Maj. Gen. Riho Terras, commander in chief, Estonian Defense Forces.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Certain Terrorist Attacks *September 4, 2014*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared in Proclamation 7463 with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2014, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to John A. Boehner, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the Senate. The notice is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Remarks Prior to a Meeting With President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey in Newport, Wales *September 5, 2014*

*President Obama.* I very much appreciate the opportunity to once again meet with Prime Minister—former Prime Minister Erdogan, now President Erdogan. And I want to congratulate him on his election victory.

President Erdogan is one of the key leaders of our alliance, and Turkey obviously serves an extraordinarily important role in the alliance in part because it is a bridge between Europe and

the Middle East and the Muslim world. And in that capacity, his views on how we deal with some of the challenges arising in the southern front of NATO are very critical.

So I look forward to a very productive discussion around issues that we’re both equally concerned about, principally the instability in Iraq and Syria and the emergence of ISIL as a threat to all our nations. And I want to express