

The President. Why? Because it's something people ought to do. And I believe in supporting charities. As you know, every year when I put out my income tax returns, you see the fact that I do give to charities, give to my church. I haven't made up my mind yet.

Thank you all for your time.

President's Schedule

Q. Are you going to talk to us—you going to talk to us tomorrow? Play golf and maybe talk to us?

The President. Do what?

Q. You're going to have the budget review tomorrow. Do you think you might talk to us from the golf course or someplace?

The President. I won't be playing golf tomorrow. Probably—I may—just keep loose this week. I may have a discussion with you on some matters later on this week.

Q. Military matters, perhaps?

The President. I ain't telling.

Q. Buildings with five sides?

Q. No more hints?

The President. No, the last time we—I'm trying to get a picnic organized so you all can come out to the ranch. Is this the—are you the last shift?

Q. Yes.

The President. Okay, last shift. Up until when we go. We're leaving Thursday, now. We're going back Thursday morning, the 30th.

Q. Wow, even earlier?

Q. The 30th?

The President. We're going back on the 30th. Laura wants to get back a day early.

President's Vacation

Q. How's the bass fishing going?

The President. They've actually gotten up to about a pound. They're growing. The lake's evaporating because it's so hot.

Okay, see you there.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:36 a.m. at the Kansas City North Target store's snackbar. In his remarks, he referred to Linda Richey Graves, wife of Gov. Bill Graves. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Memorandum on a Military Drawdown for Tunisia

August 18, 2001

Presidential Determination No. 2001-24

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense

Subject: Military Drawdown for Tunisia

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including Title III (Foreign Military Financing) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2001, as enacted in Public Law 106-429 (Title III), I hereby direct the drawdown of defense articles from the stocks of the Department of Defense, and military education and training of the aggregate value of \$5 million for Tunisia, consistent with the authority provided under Title III, for the purposes of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 22.

Statement on Senator Jesse Helms' Decision Not To Seek Reelection

August 22, 2001

The Senate is losing an institution with the decision of Jesse Helms to retire after three decades of distinguished public service. Senator Helms went to Washington but never became a part of Washington. He has always remained true to his conservative principles and to the people of North Carolina who elected him five times. Senator Helms is a true gentleman, known for treating his colleagues with the utmost respect and courtesy, regardless of party or policy differences.

As chairman and ranking Republican of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Helms has been a tireless defender of our

Nation's freedom and a champion of democracy abroad. When Senator Helms retires, the Senate will have lost a respected leader, but I have no doubt we will continue to seek his counsel as a senior statesman.

Laura and I extend our best wishes to Jesse, his wife, Dot, and the entire Helms family.

Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Round of Golf in Waco, Texas

August 23, 2001

President's Schedule

The President. Good morning. I'll see you all at the school.

Q. Uh-oh, what does that mean?

The President. In Crawford.

Q. For what?

Q. You're going to drop by?

The President. I'm going to drop by the school after, so we'll have a little chance to visit then, to thank them for letting you all stay at the elementary school. Obviously, nobody told you.

Q. Thanks for the heads up.

The President. We're going to have an impromptu stop. I will decide on my way home to stop by the school. *[Laughter]*

Roland Betts, my good friend from New York City.

Let's go, hit them up.

And we'll—we can have a little visit there, if you like. That way, it won't ruin my golf game. *[Laughter]*

Q. Looking forward to your game?

The President. Yes, I'm looking forward to getting out here.

Office of Management and Budget Director Mitch Daniels

Had a nice visit with Mitch Daniels this morning.

Q. He down here?

The President. No, I called him.

Q. Is that a Masters souvenir, your glove?

The President. I think somebody must have sent me that. I haven't been there in a while. Beautiful course.

All right, excuse me.

[At this point, the President played a round of golf.]

President's Round of Golf

The President. So, I won't be a professional golfer.

Q. I'm going to go find that ball. I'm going to find that one.

The President. The first one? If you can find that first one, you're a pretty good bird-dog. *[Laughter]*

Is everybody enjoying themselves here?

Q. I only just got here, so—

The President. Yes, I know. Where have you been?

Q. Sucking up the salt air on the west coast.

The President. Brie and cheese?

Q. No, tennis.

The President. Okay.

NOTE: The exchange began at 7:27 a.m. at the Ridgewood Country Club. In his remarks, the President referred to Roland Betts, owner, Chelsea Piers, L.P. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Remarks and a Question-and-Answer Session With Students at Crawford Elementary School and an Exchange With Reporters in Crawford, Texas

August 23, 2001

The President. Thank you, Linda. Thanks for having me come. It's—what I thought I would do is just say a few words and maybe answer some of the questions—some questions from some of the boys and girls here, if you have any.

First, thanks for inviting me, Linda, and thanks for being so patient. And also, thank you all for hosting the national press corps. *[Laughter]* I know they've appreciated it very much, and on their behalf, I would like to thank them. They are, most of the time, well behaved. But they're an important part of our country, because in order for people to be able to know what's going on, they report the news. Sometimes they exaggerate; sometimes they don't. But they're an important part of our democracy. And I appreciate so very much you welcoming them here into your school.

I want to thank all the teachers who are here. Teaching is a noble profession, and we