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in Chief and Chief Executive. In addition, these actions are consistent with Public Law 107–40. As I stated in my previous reports, it is not possible to know at this time either the duration of combat operations or the scope and duration of the deployment of U.S. Armed Forces necessary to counter the terrorist threat to the United States. I will direct additional measures as necessary to exercise our right to self-defense and to protect United States citizens and interests. Such measures may include short notice deployments of special operations and other forces for sensitive operations in various locations throughout the world.

I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution and Public Law 107–40. Officials of my Administration and I have been communicating regularly with the leadership and other Members of Congress, and we will continue to do so. I appreciate the continuing support of the Congress in our efforts to protect the security of the United States of America and its citizens, civilian and military, here and abroad.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on the Decision on Investments by Singapore Technologies Telemedia Pte. Ltd.

September 19, 2003

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

Attached is a classified report on my decision to take no action to suspend or prohibit the proposed 61.5 percent investment by Singapore Technologies Telemedia Pte. Ltd., a company indirectly owned by the Government of Singapore, in Global Crossing Ltd. I have taken this decision under the authority vested in me as President by section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, also known as the "Exon-Florio" provision, 50 U.S.C. App. 2170. This report, prepared by my Administration, is submitted consistent with subsection (g) of that provision.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

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Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

September 13

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

September 14

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

September 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Monroe, MI, where he toured the Detroit Edison Powerplant.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Drexel Hill, PA.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome President Vladimir Putin of Russia and Mrs. Putin to Camp David, MD, on September 26–27.

September 16

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the situation in Iraq. Later, he participated in a roundtable interview with regional media.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with musician and activist

Bono to discuss U.S. contributions to AIDS relief in Africa.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a roundtable discussion on the Clear Skies Initiative legislation with State, local, and community leaders.

In the evening, the President hosted Republican Senators at the White House.

The White House announced that the President has invited President Nicanor Duarte Frutos of Paraguay to meet with him at the White House on September 26.

September 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and then met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President had a briefing on Hurricane Isabel.

In the afternoon, the President met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Benjamin A. Gilman to be U.S. Representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ann M. Corkery and Walid Maalouf to be U.S. Alternate Representatives to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Cabaniss to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roderick R. Paige and Louise V. Oliver to be U.S. Representatives to the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bernice Phillips to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kirk Van Tine to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

September 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush welcomed King Abdullah II and Queen Rania of Jordan to Camp David for an overnight visit.

The President declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

September 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Maryland and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted September 15

David Wayne Anderson,
of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, vice Neal A. McCaleb, resigned.

H. Douglas Barclay,
of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of El Salvador.

David Eisner,
of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, vice Leslie Lenkowsky, resigned.