

Iraq. Along with the usual threats, he had a complaint. “Our enemy,” said Zarqawi, “is growing stronger, and his intelligence data are increasing day by day. This is suffocation.” Zarqawi is getting the idea. For the terrorists in Iraq, we are making sure there is less oxygen every day.

The terrorists hate and target a free Afghanistan and a free Iraq. They also hate and target every country that stands for democracy and tolerance and freedom in the world. The murders in Madrid have revealed once again the agenda and the nature of the terrorist enemy. They kill the innocent. They kill children and their mothers on a commuter train, without conscience, without mercy. They cause suffering and grief, and they rejoice in it. This terrorist enemy will never be appeased, because death is their banner and their cause.

There is no safety for any nation in a world that lives at the mercy of gangsters and mass murderers. Eventually, there’s no place to hide from the planted bombs or the far worse weapons that terrorists seek. For the civilized world, there’s only one path to safety: We will stay united, and we will fight until this enemy is broken.

The United States is committed to defeating terrorism around the world. It’s a solemn commitment. We lead in this cause. We’re fighting in this cause, and we are sacrificing in this cause. The 101st Airborne has known greater losses than any other division-sized unit. Each of these Americans brought pride to our country. We pray for their families. We will honor their names forever.

The 101st Airborne Division has earned its place in the history of our country. Sixty years ago, on the night before D-day, General Eisenhower went down to the airfield where the 101st was loading into C-47s for their flight to Normandy. Eisenhower told the men not to worry because they had the best leaders and equipment. One of them looked at him and said, “Hell, General, we ain’t worried. It’s Hitler’s turn to worry.” That spirit carried the American soldier across Europe to help liberate a continent. It’s the same spirit that carried you across Iraq to set a nation free.

Like your fathers and grandfathers before you, you have liberated millions from oppres-

sion. You’ve added to the momentum of freedom across the world. You have helped keep America safe. You make us all proud to be Americans, and you have made me proud to be your Commander in Chief.

May God bless you, and may God continue to bless the United States. Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:10 a.m. on the 101st Airborne Division Parade Field. In his remarks, he referred to Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, USA, Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell, and his wife, Holly; Gen. Larry R. Ellis, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command; and entertainers Lane Brody, Mark Wills, Darryl Worley, and Jaci Velasquez.

Executive Order 13333—Amending Executive Order 13257 To Implement the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003

March 18, 2004

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) (the “Act”), as amended by the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–193), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 13257 of February 13, 2002, is amended as follows:

Section 1. The preamble is amended by: (a) deleting “7103” and inserting in lieu thereof “7101 *et seq.*”; and (b) after the phrase “(the “Act”),” inserting “and section 301 of title 3, United States Code,”.

Sec. 2. Section 4 is redesignated as section 8.

Sec. 3. After section 3, the following new sections are added:

“Sec. 4. Guidelines, Policies, and Regulations. (a) The Senior Policy Operating Group (SPOG), described in subsection 105(f) of the Act, shall (i) establish guidelines and policies to coordinate the activities of executive branch departments and agencies regarding policies (including grants and grant policies)

involving the international trafficking in persons and (ii) advise the Secretary of State what regulations may be necessary to implement section 105 of the Act, including such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the sharing of information on all matters relating to grants, grant policies, or other significant actions regarding the international trafficking in persons as set forth in subsection 105(f)(4) of the Act, to the extent permitted by law.

(b) The Secretary of State, in consultation with the members of the Task Force or their representatives, shall promulgate regulations to implement section 105 of the Act.

Sec. 5. Enhanced Prevention of Trafficking in Persons. (a) The Secretary of State, in consultation with the members of the Task Force or their representatives, shall carry out the functions under subsection 106(c) and subsection 106(d) of the Act.

(b) The Secretary of State shall have the authority to determine, under section 106(e)(1) of the Act, foreign destinations where sex tourism is significant. The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the members of the Task Force or their representatives and appropriate officials of the Departments of Commerce and Transportation, shall carry out all other functions under subsection 106(e) of the Act, including promulgation of any appropriate regulations relating to the distribution of the materials described in subsection 106(e).

(c) The head of each executive branch agency responsible for the establishment and conduct of initiatives and programs described in subsections 106(a) through (e) of the Act shall consult with appropriate nongovernmental organizations consistent with section 106(f) of the Act.

(d) The Secretary of State shall have responsibility to initiate appropriate regulatory implementation of the requirements set out in section 106(g) of the Act with respect to contracts, including proposing appropriate amendments to the Federal Acquisition Regulation. Each affected executive branch department or agency shall implement, within that department or agency, the requirements

set out in section 106(g) of the Act with respect to grants and cooperative agreements.

Sec. 6. Research on Trafficking in Persons. The entities named in section 112A of the Act shall carry out the research initiatives required by section 112A of the Act, and shall award grants according to such policies and guidelines as may be established by the SPOG described in section 105(f) of the Act, as well as any applicable agency rules and regulations.

Sec. 7. Guidance for Exercising Authority and Performing Duties. In exercising authority delegated by, or performing functions assigned in, this order, officers of the United States shall ensure that all actions taken by them are consistent with the President's constitutional authority to:

- (a) conduct the foreign affairs of the United States;
- (b) withhold information the disclosure of which could impair the foreign relations, the national security, the deliberative processes of the Executive, or the performance of the Executive's constitutional duties;
- (c) recommend for congressional consideration such measures as the President may judge necessary or expedient; and
- (d) supervise the unitary Executive Branch."

Sec. 4. Judicial Review. This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, by a party against the United States, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees or agents, or any other person.

George W. Bush

The White House,
March 18, 2004.

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**Memorandum on Delegation of
Certain Authority Under the
National Defense Authorization Act
for Fiscal Year 2004, Public Law
108-136**

March 18, 2004

*Memorandum for the Secretary of Homeland
Security*

Subject: Delegation of Certain Authority
Under the National Defense Authorization
Act for Fiscal Year 2004, Public Law 108-
136

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby delegate to you the functions and authority conferred upon the President by section 1034 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 108-136) to provide the specified report to the Congress. In addition, I direct you to coordinate with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Transportation regarding the contents of this report.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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**Remarks on the Anniversary of
Operation Iraqi Freedom**

March 19, 2004

Good morning and thanks for coming. Laura and I are pleased to welcome you all to the White House. Mr. Secretary, thank you for being here. Members of my National Security Council are here, members of the administration, members of our Armed Forces, Members of the United States Congress. Thank you for being here. Ladies and gentlemen. I particularly want to thank the members of the diplomatic corps who are here. Thank the ambassadors for coming today.

We are representing 84 countries united against a common danger and joined in a common purpose. We are the nations that have recognized the threat of terrorism, and we are the nations that will defeat that threat. Each of us has pledged before the world: We will never bow to the violence of a few. We will face this mortal danger, and we will overcome it together.

As we meet, violence and death at the hands of terrorists are still fresh in our memory. The people of Spain are burying their innocent dead. These men and women and children began their day in a great and peaceful city, yet lost their lives on a battlefield, murdered at random and without remorse. Americans saw the chaos and the grief and the vigils and the funerals, and we have shared in the sorrow of the Spanish people. Ambassador Ruperez, please accept our deepest sympathy for the great loss that your country has suffered.

The murders in Madrid are a reminder that the civilized world is at war, and in this new kind of war, civilians find themselves suddenly on the frontlines. In recent years, terrorists have struck from Spain to Russia to Israel to East Africa to Morocco to the Philippines and to America. They've targeted Arab states such as Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Yemen. They have attacked Muslims in Indonesia, Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq, and Afghanistan. No nation or region is exempt from the terrorists' campaign of violence.

Each of these attacks on the innocent is a shock and a tragedy and a test of our will. Each attack is designed to demoralize our people and divide us from one another. And each attack must be answered not only with sorrow but with greater determination, deeper resolve, and bolder action against the killers. It is the interest of every country and the duty of every government to fight and destroy this threat to our people.

There is no dividing line—there is a dividing line in our world, not between nations and not between religions or cultures but a dividing line separating two visions of justice and the value of life. On a tape claiming responsibility for the atrocities in Madrid, a man is heard to say, "We choose death, while you choose life." We don't know if this is the voice of the actual killers, but we do know