

I want to tell you about one of the most meaningful moments of my Presidency, if you've got a minute. I had the privilege of meeting Master Gunnery Sergeant Guadalupe Denogean. Sergeant Denogean was an immigrant from Mexico who had served in the Marine Corps for more than 26 years. He was wounded in combat in Iraq. When he was brought home for treatment, they asked the Sergeant if he had any special requests. He said he had two. First, he wanted a promotion for the Corporal who had helped to rescue him, and second, he wanted to become an American citizen. And I was privileged to be right there at the Bethesda Naval Medical Center the day he raised his right hand and took the oath of citizenship. I'm proud to be the Commander in Chief of this good Sergeant, and now I'm proud to call him fellow citizen.

You see, brave Americans like Sergeant Denogean are sacrificing for the cause of our country, and America has needed that sacrifice. Our men and women in uniform have removed two terrorist regimes that threatened our people and are now helping the Iraqi and Afghan people get on the path to democracy and self-government. By fighting the terrorists abroad they have made American people more secure here at home. By standing for the cause of freedom, they're making our world more peaceful, and by acting in the best traditions of duty and honor, they're making our country proud.

This country of ours has been through challenging times in the past few years. We're overcoming those challenges, thanks to the courage and the character of the American people. We're ready to meet every challenge that comes our way and, of course, to seize new opportunities. And as always, America looks to the future with confidence.

Once again, I appreciate the good work of LULAC and of your members and of your leadership. Thank you so very much for having me. *Que Dios los bendiga, y que Dios bendiga a los Estados Unidos. Gracias.*

NOTE: The President spoke by satellite at 2:20 p.m. from the Map Room at the White House to the convention meeting in San Antonio, TX. In his remarks, he referred to Hector M. Flores, national president, League of United Latin American Citizens; Kenneth W. Cole, vice president,

government relations, General Motors Corp.; and Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, USA, commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks. A portion of these remarks could not be verified because the tape was incomplete.

Statement on the Death of Austrian President Thomas Klestil

July 8, 2004

Laura and I offer our deepest condolences to the people of Austria and to the Klestil family on the death of President Thomas Klestil.

President Klestil was a distinguished statesman who had previously served as Austria's Ambassador to the United States and as Austria's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. President Klestil was well known in the United States as a man dedicated to freedom and human dignity, and as President he was a committed and eloquent advocate of these values. We join all the people of Austria in mourning his passing.

Executive Order 13345—Assigning Foreign Affairs Functions and Implementing the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and the Tropical Forest Conservation Act

July 8, 2004

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (ATDA Act), as amended, the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (Foreign Assistance Act), as amended, and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Functions to be Performed by the Secretary of the Treasury.* (a) The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby designated to perform the functions of the President under the following provisions of law:

- (1) sections 603(b), 604(a), and 611 of the ATDA Act (7 U.S.C. 1738b(b), 1738c(a), and 1738j); and

- (2) sections 703, 704(a), 805(b), 806(a), 807(a), 808(a), and 812 of the Foreign Assistance Act (22 U.S.C. 2430b, 2430c(a), 2431c(b), 2431d(a), 2431e(a), 2431f(a), and 2431j).
- (b) The Secretary of the Treasury shall:
- (1)(A) make determinations under the provisions of sections 703(b) and 805(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act in accordance with any recommendations received from the Secretary of State with respect to subsections 703(a)(1)–703(a)(4) and the corresponding recommendations under section 805(a)(1) of that Act; and
- (B) make determinations under the provisions of section 805(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act in accordance with any recommendations from the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) with respect to section 803(5)(B) of that Act;
- (2) exercise the functions under the provisions listed in section 1(a)(1) of this order in consultation with the Secretary of State and with the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies (Council) established by Executive Order 11269 of February 14, 1966;
- (3) consult, as appropriate, with the Secretary of State, the Administrator of USAID, the Council, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in the performance of all other functions under the provisions listed in section 1(a) of this order.

Sec. 2. Functions to be Performed by the Secretary of State. (a) The Secretary of State is hereby designated to perform the functions of the President under sections 607 and 614 of the ATDA Act (7 U.S.C. 1738f and 1738m) and section 813(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act (22 U.S.C. 2431k).

(b) The Secretary of State shall consult, as appropriate, with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Administrator of USAID, in the performance of functions under the provisions listed in subsection 2(a) of this order.

(c) The Secretary of State shall consult, as appropriate, in the performance of functions under section 607 of the ATDA Act, with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, and the heads of such other executive departments and agencies as the Secretary of State determines appropriate.

(d) The Secretary of State is hereby designated to receive advice or supplemental views on the President's behalf consistent with the following provisions of law:

- (1) section 610(c)(1) of the ATDA Act (7 U.S.C. 1738i(c)(1)); and
- (2) section 813(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act (22 U.S.C. 2431k).

Sec. 3. Recommendation by USAID. The Administrator of USAID shall make recommendations with respect to 803(5)(B) of the Foreign Assistance Act (22 U.S.C. 2431a(5)(B)), in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of State.

Sec. 4. Government Appointees to the Enterprise for the Americas Board. (a) Pursuant to section 610(b)(1)(A) of the ATDA Act (7 U.S.C. 1738i(b)(1)(A) and section 811(b)(1)(A) and (b)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act (22 U.S.C. 2431i(b)(1)(A) and (b)(2)), the following officers or employees of the United States are hereby designated to serve as representatives on the Enterprise for the Americas Board:

- (i) the designee of the Secretary of State, who shall be the chairperson of the Board;
- (ii) the designee of the Secretary of the Treasury;
- (iii) two designees of the Secretary of Agriculture, one of whom shall be an officer or employee of the United States Forest Service International Programs Office with experience in international forestry matters, and the

- other shall be an officer or employee of the Foreign Agricultural Service;
- (iv) the designee of the Secretary of the Interior;
 - (v) the designee of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;
 - (vi) the designee of the Administrator of USAID, who shall be the vice chairperson of the Board; and
 - (vii) the designee of the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality.
- (b) The Board shall permit the following officers or employees of the United States to attend and observe a Board meeting:
- (i) a designee of the Secretary of Commerce; and
 - (ii) a designee of the head of any executive department or agency, if the meeting will relate to matters relevant to the activities of such executive department or agency.
- (c) An officer of the United States listed in subsections 4(a) and 4(b) shall make a designation for purposes of those subsections in writing submitted to the Secretary of State and shall change any such designation in the same manner. The authority to make such a designation may not be delegated.
- (d) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the officers of the United States listed in subsection 4(b) and the Attorney General, as appropriate, establish such procedures as may be necessary to provide for the governance and administration of the Board.

Sec. 5. Guidance for the Performance of Functions. In performing functions under this order, officers of the United States:

- (a) shall ensure that all actions taken by them are consistent with the President's constitutional authority to (i) conduct the foreign affairs of the United States, including the commencement, conduct, and termination of negotiations with foreign countries and international organizations, (ii) 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, (iii) recommend for congressional consideration such measures as the President may judge necessary or expedient,

and (iv) supervise the unitary executive branch;

(b) may further assign functions assigned by this order to officers of any department or agency within the executive branch to the extent permitted by law except as provided in subsection 4(c) of this order and such further assignment shall be published in the *Federal Register*; and

(c) shall consult the Attorney General as appropriate in implementing this section.

Sec. 6. Revocation of Executive Orders. The following Executive Orders are hereby revoked:

- (a) Executive Order 12757 of March 19, 1991;
- (b) Executive Order 12823 of December 3, 1992;
- (c) Executive Order 13028 of December 3, 1996; and
- (d) Executive Order 13131 of July 22, 1999.

Sec. 7. 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,
July 8, 2004.

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NOTE: This Executive order will be published in the *Federal Register* on July 13.

Executive Order 13346—Delegation of Certain Waiver, Determination, Certification, Recommendation, and Reporting Functions

July 8, 2004

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, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. The functions of the President in making certain waivers, determinations,