

It was a powerful day. You know, I came away from that site recognizing that everybody there searching through the rubble took that day personally. My fellow citizens took it personally. I took it personally. I have a duty that goes on. Every day that I wake up, I think about how best to secure our country. I will never relent in defending America, whatever it takes.

We have come through much together. We've done a lot of hard work. But there's more work to be done to move this country forward. During the next 4 years, we will spread opportunity and ownership throughout every corner of our country. We will pass the enduring values of our country to another generation. We will continue to work to spread freedom and peace.

You know, when I campaigned in your State 4 years ago, I asked—when I was asking for the vote, I made a pledge to the people of Minnesota and the people of our country that if you honored me with this great responsibility, I would uphold the dignity and the honor of the office to which I had been elected. And with your help and with your hard work, I will do so for 4 more years.

Thanks for coming. God bless. Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:55 p.m. at the Xcel Energy Center. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Randy Kelly of St. Paul, MN; Minnesota State Auditor Patricia Anderson; Minnesota State Representative Erik Paulsen; talk radio show host Laura Ingraham; Lt. Col. Joe Repya, USAR (Ret.) Bush Cheney '04 Minnesota Veterans Co-Chair; country music entertainer Ricky Skaggs; Col. Muammar Abu Minyar al-Qadhafi, leader of Libya; former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; and the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission).

Memorandum on Determination To Make Available Assistance for Liberia

August 20, 2004

Presidential Determination No. 2004–43

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Administrator, United States Agency for International Development

Subject: Determination to Make Available Assistance for Liberia

Consistent with the authority vested in me under the Act Making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, 2004 (Public Law 108–106), under the heading “International Disaster and Famine Assistance,” I hereby determine that it is in the national interest and essential to efforts to reduce international terrorism to furnish \$86 million in assistance for Liberia from funds made available under that heading.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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.

August 14

In the morning, in Redmond, WA, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Sioux City, IA, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with

USA Freedom Corps volunteer Marj Kamrath.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

August 15

In the morning, the President traveled to Fort Myers, FL, and then took a helicopter tour of the area damaged by Hurricane Charley on August 13.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Punta Gorda, FL, where he met with public safety personnel at the Charlotte County Emergency Operations Center and toured the area damaged by Hurricane Charley.

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

August 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to Cincinnati, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Alexandra Amend. Later, he toured the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Traverse City, MI, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Sheila Blonshine.

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

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board: B. John Garrick, William Howard Arnold, Daryl Busch, George Milton Hornberger, Andrew C. Kadak, Ali Mosleh, and Henry Petroski.

The President announced his intention to designate W. Ronald Evans as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Capital Revitalization Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate D. Michael Rappoport to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Florida, impacted by Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricane Charley beginning August 11 and continuing, by authorizing an increase in the level of Fed-

eral funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures.

August 17

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to discuss the situation in Iraq. Later, he met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Ridley Park, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Tom Shaffer. Later, he toured the Boeing Co.'s Ridley Park plant.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Hedgesville, WV, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Marge Ruth.

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

August 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to Chippewa Falls, WI. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with Newsweek.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to River Falls, WI, and then to Hudson, WI. Later, he traveled to St. Paul, MN.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

August 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

August 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld to discuss the situation in Iraq and other issues. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response Mike Brown to discuss recovery efforts in Florida in response to Hurricane Charley.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to attend the inauguration of Martin Torrijos as President of

Panama on September 1: Colin L. Powell (delegation leader); Linda Watt; Cesar B. Cabrera; Rod Carew; and Francis Rooney.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 16

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Florida

Fact sheet: Honoring Our Commitment to America's Veterans

Fact sheet: Making America More Secure by Transforming Our Military

Released August 17

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Claire Buchan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 4842

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on continuation of U.S. drug interdiction assistance to the Government of Colombia

Released August 18

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Supporting and Strengthening the Military and Military Families

Released August 19

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of remarks by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and a question-and-answer session at the U.S. Institute of Peace

Statement by the Press Secretary on the anniversary of the 2003 terrorist attack on the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad

Released August 20

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Acts Approved by the President

Approved August 17

H.R. 4842 / Public Law 108-302

United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act