

company said, ‘Ma’am, this is a flood event, and therefore, I’m not going to cover it, cover your house?’ ” I said, “I wouldn’t like it a bit.” She said, “Well, that’s just what happened to me today.” She had come back from where she had evacuated to, to hear that message. And she asked my opinion, and I said, “I’ll find out the process that determines whether or not it’s a wind or water event.”

President’s Focus on Domestic and Foreign Policy

Q. One more question. With all your focus on foreign policy the next couple of days, what—have you put in place to keep your—

The President. I can do more than one thing at one time. That’s what—I hope you—by the time I’m finished President, I hope you’ll realize that the Government can do more than one thing at one time, and individuals in the Government can. And so I’ll be in constant touch with—I have a hurricane recovery briefing every morning, for example. I’ll be in touch with Mike Chertoff. Andy Card, on my staff, will be in touch with the appropriate people. And so if I’m focusing on the hurricane, I’ve got the capacity to focus on foreign policy, and vice versa. But I thank you for asking that question.

Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:06 p.m. at Twenty-Eighth Street Elementary School. In his remarks, he referred to Glen East, superintendent, Gulfport School District. Phyllis A. Bourn, principal, Twenty-Eighth Street Elementary School; Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi; Representative Gene Taylor of Mississippi; and Mayor Brett Warr of Gulfport, MS, participated in the exchange. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on the Electoral Victory of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi in Japan’s General Elections

September 12, 2005

I extend my congratulations to Prime Minister Koizumi for his decisive victory in yesterday’s elections and to the Japanese people for continuing Japan’s robust democratic tra-

dition. Prime Minister Koizumi is a bold leader and a good friend, and I look forward to continuing the close partnership between our two countries.

Memorandum on Continuation of the Exercise of Certain Authorities Under the Trading With the Enemy Act

September 12, 2005

Presidential Determination No. 2005–35

Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Treasury

Subject: Continuation of the Exercise of Certain Authorities under the Trading with the Enemy Act

Under section 101(b) of Public Law 95–223 (91 Stat. 1625; 50 U.S.C. App. 5(b) note), and a previous determination on September 10, 2004 (69 *Fed. Reg.* 55497), the exercise of certain authorities under the Trading with the Enemy Act is scheduled to terminate on September 14, 2005.

I hereby determine that the continuation for 1 year of the exercise of those authorities with respect to the applicable countries is in the national interest of the United States.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 101(b) of Public Law 95–223, I continue for 1 year, until September 14, 2006, the exercise of those authorities with respect to countries affected by:

- (1) the Foreign Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 500;
- (2) the Transaction Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 505; and
- (3) the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 515.

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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