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George W. Bush

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Memorandum on Assignment of Function Under Section 721(k) of the Defense Production Act of 1950

December 29, 2006

Memorandum for the Secretary of the Treasury

Subject: Assignment of Function Under Section 721(k) of the Defense Production Act of 1950

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the function of the President under section 721(k) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. App. 2170(k)), for purposes of submitting such report by February 28, 2007.

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

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.

December 23

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

During the day, the President met with Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, to discuss Iraq policy.

December 24

During the day, the President had several Christmas Eve telephone conversations with members of the U.S. military.

December 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, arriving in the afternoon.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with former First Lady Betty Ford.

December 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced that he has named Maggie Grant as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Paul R. Eckert as Associate Counsel to the President.

December 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany to the White House on January 4, 2007.

The President declared a major disaster in Oregon and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides on November 5–8.

The President declared an emergency in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by record snow on November 30 through December 1.