have made their own contributions to this endeavour.

Finally, let me just emphasize what is to you obvious, but may not be obvious to all of our fellow Americans who have not been exposed to these developments. This is not about technology for technology’s sake. It’s about using technology to help people work together to realize a better future for themselves and for their families. You have helped to challenge America, and you have shown us the way, a way which offers the promise of the American dream to all of our citizens who are willing to work for us and offers us a way to continue to work together in a new era.

That is the most important lesson I have learned as President. We have to find new ways to work together so that people, as individuals and families in the communities, can realize their great promise. And you have done that for us in these two reports. Your country is indebted to you, and I thank you.

Thank you very much.

Q. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Vice President. You did great.

The President. You led the way. Thank you very much.

Iowa Democratic Caucus

Q. [Inaudible]—think of the Iowa Democratic caucuses—the results?

The President. Well, obviously I was pleased. I think we got all the delegates and almost all the votes, 99.8 percent. [Laughter] The thing I’d like to point out, though, that I was astonished by, and I did not learn until about midnight last night, is that apparently, in an uncontested caucus, 50,000 people went. By contrast, there were only about, I think, 100,000 people in the Republican caucus with nine candidates, and they had anticipated 30,000 or 40,000 more.

And to me, the fact that 50,000 people went out on a cold winter night in Iowa to reaffirm their support for the positive direction in which we’re taking the country, and the idea that we do have to work together, we do need a strong set of new ideas in which the Government is a partner in the fight for the future, that’s the most rewarding thing of all. I was stunned. There never have been 50,000 people go to the Iowa caucus in an uncontested election—never had been anywhere close to 50,000 people.

And I want to thank the people of Iowa for the reception they gave to me. I want to thank the people who worked for our efforts. And most of all, I want to thank those 50,000 Americans who showed that our people are not cynical, they haven’t given up on citizenship, and they are prepared to take control of their future.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:09 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to NIIAC cochairs Edward R. McCracken, chairman and chief executive officer, Silicon Graphics, Inc., and Delano E. Lewis, president and chief executive officer, National Public Radio; Assistant to the President for Science and Technology John H. Gibbons; Deputy Secretary of Commerce David J. Barram; Federal Communications Commission Chairman Reed Hundt; and Bill Nye, host of the PBS children’s television program “The Science Guy.”
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We are a nation of immigrants. But we are also a nation of laws. My administration has put in place a comprehensive strategy to address the problem of illegal immigration. Over the past 3 years, we have begun to reverse years of neglect at the border, with a 50 percent increase in border patrol agents and new technology to stop illegal crossings. We are deporting record numbers of criminals and other deportable aliens. But all this will not stem the tide of illegal immigration if we do not reduce the job magnet that draws illegal immigrants to this country.

It is against the law for businesses to hire workers who are illegal immigrants and are not authorized to work in the United States. For too long, however, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has lacked the resources needed for vigorous enforcement. My administration has provided the INS with the resources...