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Message to the Congress Transmitting a Report on the National Emergency With Respect to Iran

June 25, 2002

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in

Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,
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Remarks Celebrating the Bicentennial of Lewis and Clark's Voyage of Discovery

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Welcome. Please be seated. You read it just like I wrote it. [*Laughter*]

Thank you all for coming. It's great to see so many of my fellow Americans here on the eve of Independence Day, the day we celebrate the fantastic freedoms we love in America. And I hope every American goes out tomorrow and gives thanks for the many blessings of our Nation.

I want to thank members of my Cabinet who are here. Thank you all for coming, Gale and Ann.

I want to thank Members of the Congress—Senator and Congressman from the great Commonwealth of Virginia are here. I want to thank many members of the administration who are here. I see Fran, who is head of the National Parks. I want to thank the tribal leaders who have come. I want to thank my fellow Americans. Welcome to the people's house, and it's a beautiful house, as you can see.

I want to thank Laura for serving as the host while I was doing some work. I particularly want to thank the Missouri Historical Society for lending this splendid portrait of the man Stephen Ambrose called the greatest of all American explorers, Captain Meriwether Lewis.

You know, it's amazing—it's fitting and amazing, when you think about it, that we're holding this event here in the East Room, because this is where Lewis lived when he was Jefferson's private secretary. Not a bad room. [*Laughter*] They tell me, though, that back then the room was damp and depressing. The second First Lady who lived here, Abigail Adams, actually used to hang the washing here. [*Laughter*] And I want to thank Laura for getting my underwear out before the event started. [*Laughter*]

Nearly 200 years ago, President Jefferson sent an expedition to explore what was then