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Letter to Congressional Leaders Submitting Proposed Legislative Changes To Implement the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement

July 2, 2004

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

On May 18, 2004, the United States Trade Representative signed the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement on behalf of the United States. Consistent with section 2105(a)(1)(B) of the Trade Act of 2002, I am submitting a description of the changes to existing laws, prepared by my Administration, that would be required to bring the United States into compliance with that agreement.

I look forward to working with the Congress in developing legislation to implement this free trade agreement with an important economic partner and close ally.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate.

Statement on the Death of Marlon Brando

July 2, 2004

With the passing of Marlon Brando, America has lost a great actor of the stage and screen. His award-winning performances in films such as “On the Waterfront” and “The Godfather” demonstrated his outstanding talent and entertained millions

across the country. Marlon Brando was one of the 20th century’s finest actors and will be missed by his many fans and admirers. Laura and I send our prayers and condolences to his family and friends.

The President’s Radio Address

July 3, 2004

Good morning. As Americans gather this weekend to celebrate the Fourth of July, we can take pride in our country’s great history and look to the future with confidence. America remains a shining example to the world of all that free people can achieve. And our goal as a nation is to make sure that all Americans can share in the promise of our country.

Our economy is showing steady progress. We’ve completed our 10th consecutive month of job creation. We added 112,000 jobs in June and have added more than

1.5 million new jobs since last August. The unemployment rate has steadily declined to 5.6 percent, from 6.3 percent a year ago. With more jobs and lower unemployment, we are seeing rising consumer confidence, higher incomes, continued gains in the rate of homeownership, and a restored sense of opportunity.

Our strengthening economy is a tribute to millions of American entrepreneurs and workers. By their hard work and optimism, our Nation has overcome recession, terrorist attack, corporate scandals, and the