

Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting  
Supplemental Budget Requests for the Legislative Branch and the Judicial  
Branch for Fiscal Year 2005

March 2, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

As a matter of comity, I am transmitting to the Congress, without modification, the enclosed requested amounts from the Legislative Branch and the Judicial Branch for FY 2005.

The details of these requests are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency  
Blocking Property of Persons Undermining Democratic Processes or  
Institutions in Zimbabwe

March 2, 2005

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency blocking the property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2005. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on March 5, 2004 (69 *FR* 10313).

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions has not been resolved. These actions and policies pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency blocking the property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,  
March 2, 2005.

NOTE: The notice is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Message to the Congress Transmitting a Report on Interdiction of Aircraft Engaged in Illicit Drug Trafficking  
March 2, 2005

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with the authorities relating to official immunity in the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking (Public Law 107–108, 22 U.S.C. 2291–4), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, I am providing a report prepared

by my Administration. This report includes matters relating to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,  
March 2, 2005.

Remarks at a Swearing-In Ceremony for Michael Chertoff as Secretary of Homeland Security  
March 3, 2005

I'm pleased to be here at the Department of Homeland Security with our new Secretary, Michael Chertoff. And I'm honored to share this moment with Meryl and their children.

This is the third time, not the first or second but the third time that I've asked Mike to serve our Nation. I keep asking him back for a reason: He is a talented public servant, with an outstanding record of achievement and a deep commitment to the cause of justice. As a Federal court of appeals judge, Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Attorney, and Federal prosecutor, Mike has worked tirelessly to make our people safer and our Nation more secure. And now he will carry on that vital work as the Secretary of Homeland Security.

I appreciate Michael's in-laws for being here. Always a good thing, Mike—[laughter]—to listen to your mother-in-law. [Laughter]

I thank Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, not only for being here to administer the oath of office but for serving our Nation with such class and such dignity. I want to thank the Members of the United States Senate, Senator Lautenberg and Senator Corzine from New Jersey, for being here,

and thank you for helping shepherd this good man's nomination through the Senate. I want to thank all the Members of the House of Representatives who are here, and there is a lot from New Jersey that have joined us. I want to thank the members of my Cabinet who are here, and former members of my Cabinet. And I want to thank the employees of the Department of Homeland Security. You have got a great boss.

Since September the 11th, 2001, we have taken unprecedented steps to protect the American people. We have assembled a strong coalition of nations to secure our respective countries. We have closed down terrorists' networks and chased down their leaders in mountains and deserts around the world. We've removed two dangerous regimes that harbored terrorists and threatened the peace. We convinced a third to voluntarily abandon its nuclear and chemical weapons programs. We have broken up the world's most dangerous nuclear trading network and busted up terrorist cells around the globe.

We have been relentless and we will continue to be relentless in our mission to secure the people of this country. From