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emergency on January 23, 1995, as expanded on August 20, 1998, has not been resolved. Terrorist groups continue to engage in activities that have the purpose or effect of threatening the Middle East peace process and that are hostile to United States interests in the region. Such actions constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process and to maintain in force the economic sanctions against them to respond to this threat.

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. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter. The notice of January 17 is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Remarks at "America's Future Rocks Today—A Call to Service"
January 18, 2005

Thank you all. I hope you've enjoyed this fantastic concert. I'm traveling—as you can see, I'm traveling in pretty good company today, with the First Lady of the United States, Laura, the mother of Barbara and Jenna who we love dearly.

Listen, I want to thank all the entertainers who were here today. How about Hilary Duff. She was fantastic. Thank you, Hilary. JoJo—JoJo is here—[*applause*]—yes. Ruben Studdard—you talk about a success story. Ryan Cabrera—I appreciate Ryan being here. How about 3 Doors Down? Pretty cool guys, right? Seem cool to me. Fuel—I appreciate Fuel being here.

Jason Sehorn—I'm honored that my friend Jason—and I'm really proud and pleased that he brought his wife, Angie Harmon. I want to thank Steve Baldwin for being with us today. I'm honored that Steve was here. Erika Harold, Miss America 2003—what a fine person Erika is. How about Kelly Perdew, "The Apprentice." Next thing you know, the guy will be running for President. Nancy O'Dell—I'm honored that Nancy is with us. I appreciate you all coming.

Listen, I'm particularly thrilled to be standing on the stage with some of America's soldiers in the army of compassion. So the theme of this Inauguration is to celebrate freedom and to honor service. Today Laura and I went by and we were able to thank some of the men and women who wear our Nation's uniform for their service to our country, for their sacrifice for our freedoms. And today, at this concert, we're particularly thrilled that we're honoring service.

You know what that means? It means love a neighbor just like you'd like to be loved yourself. Take time out of your life to make somebody else's life better. By helping heal a broken heart or surrounding a friend with love or feeding the hungry or providing shelter for the homeless, you can help change America for the better, one heart, one soul, one conscience at a time.

I want to thank you all for setting such a fantastic example. Thank you for your service.

And my call to you all is that as you enjoy the great freedoms of America and as you enjoy yourself at this Inauguration,

I hope you take away the lesson of helping somebody in need. And when you do, it will not only make our country a better place; it will lift up your own spirit.

Thanks for coming. Enjoy yourself. May God bless you all, and may God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 6:54 p.m. at the District of Columbia National Guard Armory. In his remarks, he referred to professional football player Jason Sehorn and his wife, actress Angie Harmon; actor Stephen Baldwin; and television personality Nancy O'Dell.

Remarks at the "Celebration of Freedom" Concert
January 19, 2005

Thank you all. Thank you all for coming. Thanks for being out here in the cold. You know, I was realizing there is—you know, no night is too cold to celebrate freedom.

Mr. Vice President, thank you for your kind introduction. I thank you and Lynne for your fine service to the American people. Our Nation has never had a finer Vice President. Sorry, Dad. [*Laughter*] Our Nation has never had a finer First Lady than Laura. Sorry, Mother. [*Laughter*]

I'm really proud that much of my family is with me tonight and will be there tomorrow. I'm really so happy my dad and mom are with us.

Appreciate the members of the Cabinet who are here, Members of Congress, members of the Armed Forces. How about the Apollo astronauts? I can't thank them enough for coming. And I love our entertainers who are here. I want to thank our host, Ryan Seacrest. Thanks for so much, Ryan. You're doing a fine job. I appreciate you being here.

I want to thank all the other entertainers who have come tonight. It means so much to Laura and me, and I hope it means a lot to you, that they have taken time out of their busy schedules to entertain you and to kick off this Inauguration.

I really thank you all for coming. Many of you have traveled a long way. What you're doing is you're taking a part in a great tradition of hope and renewal in our Nation's Capital, and we are really glad you are here.

An Inauguration is a time of unity for our country. With the campaign behind us, Americans lift up our sights to the years ahead and to the great goals we will achieve for our country. I am eager and ready for the work ahead, and I know that this office carries a duty to the entire Nation. After all, we are one America, and every day that I am your President, I will serve all Americans.

In these 4 years, we have moved forward as a people. We have faced challenges. We have faced them together. And we've taken up serious tasks at home as well as abroad. We have grown in appreciation for our freedom, and we have grown in appreciation for the men and women who defend it.

At this very hour, more than a million of our fellow citizens are standing watch for America. We are grateful to them all, and we are grateful to their families. We pray for our troops; we pray for their families. And on this night, as we celebrate the blessing of liberty, America honors the spirit of service that keeps our Nation strong and free.

Tomorrow I will take an oath and deliver an Inaugural Address. You'll be pleased to hear I'm not going to deliver it twice. But I will speak about freedom. This is the cause that unites our country and gives hope to the world and will lead us to a