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NOTE: The President spoke at 10:21 a.m. in Hradcany Square. In his remarks, he referred to President Vaclav Klaus and Prime Minister Mirek Topolanek of the Czech Republic; and President Dmitry A. Medvedev of Russia.

Exchange With Reporters in Prague
April 5, 2009

The President. Hello, everybody. I hope you're not tired of me by now.

Q. Sir, what's your message for North Korea, please?

Situation in North Korea

The President. We delivered it today. They, I think, have taken a provocative action. It creates instability in their region, around the world. If they want to take an appropriate path to rejoin the international community and break out of their isolation, that's available to them. That's not the path they're taking right now. And we intend to work with the international community to deliver a strong message.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:39 a.m. at the Prague Congress Center. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With President Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero of Spain in Prague
April 5, 2009

I just want to say that I've very much enjoyed working with Mr. Zapatero over the last several days. He is somebody who clearly understands not only Spain's extraordinary influence in the world, but also takes those responsibilities very seriously. And I think that we're going to be able to establish what is already a strong relationship between the two countries. I think we can make it even stronger. So I'm glad to call him a friend, and I welcome our opportunities to cooperate on a whole host of issues in the years to come.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:11 p.m. in the Prague Congress Center. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With President Lech Kaczynski and Prime Minister Donald Tusk of Poland in Prague
April 5, 2009

Let me just say very briefly that the relationship between the United States and Poland is one of the strongest in the world. It's based not only on shared values, but also on the fact that, just to give you an example, in Chicago, my friends from Poland and the contribution they've made to our city is part of what makes America. So we have benefited from Polish culture and the Polish people and the outstanding Polish character.

And so it is a great pleasure to meet with these outstanding leaders. We're looking forward to continuing some of the conversations that we've been having both in the EU summit as well as in earlier meetings in NATO. And I'm confident that on issues ranging from security to energy to economics, that by working together, we're going to be able to make both our countries more prosperous and more peaceful for future generations.