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or are fearful of losing their homes. All across America people have lost their health care or are waking up in the middle of the night wondering if their child gets sick will they be bankrupt because they don't have decent health care or they just can't afford the premiums they're paying. All across America there are children who are trapped in schools that don't educate them, and they look out and they see very little hope on the horizon.

And around the world we've got a host of challenges: ending a war in Iraq, making sure that we come to a—that we're able to achieve our goals of rooting out Al Qaida in Afghanistan, making sure that we reconcile our need for security with our need to uphold our values even when it's difficult, even when it's hard, even when we'd like to just push those ideals aside. That's not who we are as a people, so we've got some work to do there.

We have to deal with climate change here in the United States and internationally. We've got to be leaders and not followers. So we've got a full menu. We've got a lot of work to do.

But I am confident that we're going to get it done, because what you taught me during the campaign, and what you continue to teach me through your involvement in this process is that when the American people decide it's time to bring about change, change happens. When the American people are determined to bring about justice, justice happens. When the American people decide we're going to give opportunity to all children and not just some children, then we can make sure that those children are going to get a decent shot at life.

So your determination, your willingness to provide support—not just to me, but to the Democratic Party—to dig deep even when times are tough, to continue to get involved not just through your financial contributions, but through all the activism that you represent on a whole host of issues all across this State and all across the country, that's my insurance that change is going to come. Administrations come and go, but the American people and that spirit of innovation and that willingness to take on the toughest challenge and that belief that there are always brighter days ahead if we're willing to work for it. That's my insurance policy, that's how we're going to bring about change. So take heart of the change we've already brought.

But I want you to know, Los Angeles, you ain't seen nothing yet. We are going to deal with these issues. We are going to bring about a better America. And you and me, we're going to do it together, arm in arm. We're going to march forward.

Thank you. God bless you. God bless the United States of America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 7:29 p.m. at the Beverly Hilton hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Rep. Joe Baca; and entertainers Jennifer Hudson, Roberto Granados, Earth Wind & Fire, and Rickey Minor. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 29. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting Designations Under the Kingpin Act

May 28, 2009

Dear _____:

This report to the Congress, under section 804(b) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act, 21 U.S.C. 1901–1908 (the "Kingpin Act"), transmits my designations of the following four foreign entities as appropriate for sanctions under the Kingpin Act and reports my direction of sanctions against them under the Act:

Daniel Rendon Herrera (Colombia)
Haji Juma Khan Organization (Afghanistan)
Walid Makled Garcia (Venezuela)
Imam Bheel (Pakistan)

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Carl Levin, chairman, and John McCain, ranking member, Senate Committee on Armed Services; Max S. Baucus, chairman, and Charles E. Grassley, ranking member, Senate Committee on Finance; John F. Kerry, chairman, and Richard G. Lugar, ranking member, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Dianne Feinstein, chair, and Christopher S. Bond, vice chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; Patrick J. Leahy, chairman, and Jefferson B. Sessions III, ranking member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Isaac N. Skelton IV, chairman, and John M. McHugh, ranking member, House Committee on Armed Services; Howard L. Berman, chairman, and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, ranking member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs; Silvestre Reyes, chairman, and Peter Hoekstra, ranking member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; John Conyers, Jr., chairman, and Lamar S. Smith, ranking member, House Committee on the Judiciary; and Charles B. Rangel, chairman, and David L. Camp, ranking member, House Committee on Ways and Means. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 29.

Remarks on Securing the Nation's Information and Communications Infrastructure

May 29, 2009

Hello, everybody. Please be seated. We meet today at a transformational moment, a moment in history when our interconnected world presents us at once with great promise but also great peril.

Now, over the past 4 months, my administration has taken decisive steps to seize the promise and confront these perils. We're working to recover from a global recession while laying a new foundation for lasting prosperity. We're strengthening our Armed Forces as they fight two wars, at the same time we're renewing American leadership to confront unconventional challenges, from nuclear proliferation to terrorism, from climate change to pandemic disease. And we're bringing to Government and to this White House unprecedented transparency and accountability and new ways for Americans to participate in their democracy.

But none of this progress would be possible, and none of these 21st century challenges can be fully met, without America's digital infrastructure, the backbone that underpins a prosperous economy and a strong military and an open and efficient Government. Without that foundation, we can't get the job done.

It's long been said that the revolutions in communications and information technology have given birth to a virtual world. But make no mistake: This world, cyberspace, is a world that we depend on every single day. It's our hardware and our software, our desktops and laptops and cell phones and BlackBerries that have become woven into every aspect of our lives.

It's the broadband networks beneath us and the wireless signals around us, the local networks in our schools and hospitals and businesses, and the massive grids that power our Nation. It's the classified military and intelligence networks that keep us safe and the World Wide Web that has made us more interconnected than at any time in human history. So cyberspace is real, and so are the risks that come with it.

It's the great irony of our information age. The very technologies that empower us to create and to build also empower those who would disrupt and destroy. And this paradox, seen and unseen, is something that we experience every day.

It's about the privacy and the economic security of American families. We rely on the