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responsibility to end the war is on their shoulders. They must now seek the peace, and we want to help.

Today, the tragedy in Sudan commands the attention and compassion of the world. For our part, we're committed to pursuing a just peace, which will spare that land from more years of sorrow.

We're committed to bringing stability to the Sudan, so that many loving Americans, nongovernmental organizations, will be able to perform their duties of love and compassion within that country without fear of reprisal.

Recently, I appointed a humanitarian envoy, Andrew Natsios, the administrator of USAID, to address the material needs. Today I take a step further. By naming a distinguished American, a former United States Senator and ordained minister, a man of enormous respect, the United States will continue to signal to the rest of the world our interest in this subject, our desire to bring governments together to achieve a lasting peace.

I will repeat what I told Jack in the Oval Office: Our administration is deeply committed—is deeply committed—to bringing good folks together, from within our country and the leadership of other nations, to get this issue solved once and for all. It's a test of the compassion of the world.

As I said, the degree of difficulty is high. Jack Danforth brings a realistic assessment to what is possible. But he also brings a big heart and enormous amounts of energy and a great commitment. And so it is my honor to bring a good man back into Government to take on a difficult yet important assignment.

Please welcome John Danforth.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:30 a.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of former Senator Danforth.

Remarks on Departure With President Fox for Toledo, Ohio, and an Exchange With Reporters

September 6, 2001

President Bush. Thank you very much. The President and I are about to get on Marine One and then Air Force One and fly to Toledo, Ohio. I look forward to a joint appearance in the heartland of America. We're going to have a great day in Toledo.

We had a great day here yesterday as well. Not only did we have a successful state dinner last night, but we had a series of meetings that confirmed our close relationship and built on our trust. As I said, Mexico is an incredibly important part of the United States' foreign policy. It is our most important relationship, because Mexico is our neighbor, and neighbors must work together. And we do.

We're confronting a series of opportunities and issues. Over the past hours, we discussed the importance of NAFTA, not only between Canada and Mexico and the United States but free trade throughout the hemisphere.

We discussed a variety of issues that relate to trade. Trucking is an issue about which we had a long discussion. Mexican trucks ought to be moving in the United States. I call upon Congress to take that provision out of the appropriations bill. Otherwise, I will veto the bill.

We talked about some commodity issues that we have faced. We had an issue on avocados, for example. For those of you avocado lovers, you'll be pleased to hear that we've solved that problem, and I believe the President is pleased with the progress we're making.

When we trade as much as we do, there are going to be issues that inevitably arise. And we will deal with those with mutual respect and honest discourse.

Secondly, I'm pleased to report that we've made great progress in cooperation in fighting crime. The President told me yesterday about some additional criminals who have

been arrested in Mexico. This is a crime-fighting President. He is dedicated to working with our law enforcement officials to interdict drugs and guns and "coyotes" on the border. And Mr. President, I appreciate your effort.

Our Congress ought to change the decertification process that, to me, sends the wrong signal to our friends to the south. To have an annual certification process really, I don't think, is fair to Mexico, and I think it's counterproductive. And I hope they change the law on decertification.

And finally, an area that has gained a lot of interest, because it's an important issue, of course, is the issue of migration. We've had a lot of frank discussions on migration. We share a lot of principles: one, that we both recognize how important the contribution to our economy the Mexican workers have made; that we want people treated with respect; that we both have a mutual and shared responsibility to make sure our border is safe and that we enforce the border; that I hope to come forward with a program that will pass the Congress, that deals with guestworkers with some sense of normalization. And I would like to do that as soon as possible.

There's obviously a sense of urgency in the President's message. I hear that sense of urgency, and my administration is willing to work as hard as we possibly can to get something done in a constructive fashion.

Mr. President, I think this is a continuation on the road for trust, respect, and cooperation. And I want to thank you very much for your coming here. I appreciate so very much you bringing your beautiful wife. I look forward to our trip to Toledo, and then our dinner tonight at the Blair House with the President.

Mr. President.

President Fox. Okay, I will not have much more to add on this summary of what great has been these 2 days to us Mexicans and to us in Mexico. The trust factor, no doubt that is key. And these 2 days have been a great opportunity to advance in our conversations, in our frank speaking—all of this aimed at increasing that trust

And for the rest, I'm fully recognized and totally honored on the warm reception we have had, on the opportunity, extended opportunity, to discuss and dialog on different issues and matters with President Bush. And so, to me, if I would describe this, it's a process, a process that started back in Mexico in our first formal meeting, a process that has continued on an everyday basis by our working teams. And this I would call a station, one first station, which has been this state visit to the United States, where we had the opportunity to review the issues, to advance on each of the issues, and to keep on the commitment to work hard for the coming months and the coming years.

So that's totally satisfactory to us. I really thank the American people for the warm welcome we have had, and specifically from Mr. Bush and his lovely wife, the attentions we have had are just something that we—over-exceeded any expectations that we would have had.

[*At this point, President Fox made brief remarks in Spanish, and no translation was provided.*]

Immigration Policy

Q. Mr. President, even with this sense of urgency on immigration, tell me how difficult it will be to get a deal in the next year. And when you do give legal status to undocumented immigrants, how will you justify that action to the millions of Mexicans still waiting in line for legal entry and the millions more people who are living in this country now after plowing through the legal process?

President Bush. Right. Ron [Ron Fournier, Associated Press], you've just identified one of the complexities of the migration issue. I explained this to President Fox, that there are some—many in our country who are undocumented. And we want to make sure that their labor is legal. And so part of the issue is, how do we match a willing employer with a willing employee, to recognize the value of the work and to legalize that part of the process? And that's where we need to think creatively on a guestworker program.

I mean, the truth of the matter is that if somebody is willing to do jobs others in America aren't willing to do, we ought to welcome that person to the country, and we

ought to make that a legal part of our economy. We ought not to penalize an employer who's trying to get a job done who hires somebody who's willing to do that kind of work.

So that's part of the complexity. The second half of your question really does point out another problem that we have to work through, and that is there are—one of the things I have told the President is, I am willing to consider ways to—for a guestworker to earn a green card status. And yet I fully recognize there are a lot of people who have stood in line, who have said, "I'll abide by the laws of the United States." And we're trying to work through a formula that will not penalize the person who's chosen the legal route, and at the same time, recognizes the contribution that the undocumented has made.

That is part of the reason I say this is an incredibly complex issue. It is complex to the point where my administration is going to spend a lot of time on resolving that type of question. But to make matters even more complicated, we've got to work with the Congress, and we've got to come up with a solution that will—Congress can accept.

Now, I fully understand President Fox's desire for us to expedite our—to come up with a solution quickly, to expedite the process. And we're going to do that. I think one of the useful parts of this visit is for me to be able to sit down face to face, *ojo a ojo*, and to talk about why this is a complex issue within the country. That's precisely part of the issue.

Q. You don't sound like you can get it done in 4 months, though.

President Bush. Well, he's asked that we do it within the year. One thing he will find is that we will put 100 percent effort into it during the year, and I hope we can come up with a solution. I want to accommodate my friend.

He's got a very important role to play, and that is as a spokesman for Mexican nationals living in this country, as someone who is deeply concerned about their future, their lives. And I completely understand that, and I can assure the President and the people of Mexico, we have heard his call. He is a strong, forceful leader, and we will do everything we can to come up with a solution to this complex problem.

Q. Mr. President, along those same lines——

President Bush. Him? Which President? [*Laughter*]

Q. President Bush, I'm sorry.

President Bush. Here we go again, six to nothing. [*Laughter*]

Q. Sir, could you be more specific as to whether or not, among the set of issues, or the set of values or principles that you share on immigration, you share specifically the goal of finishing this negotiation by the end of the year? And——

President Bush. I share the idea of working as hard as we possibly can. Listen, we came—the President came to Washington—I'm sorry to interrupt you.

Q. Well, I'm sorry. I just wanted to say——

President Bush. Actually, I'm not sorry to interrupt you. I did it—it's an old trick here. [*Laughter*]

Q. I just wanted to ask you if—what would the United States want to see in return? Something——

President Bush. In return?

Q. In return for this negotiation, and for maybe regularizing a number of Mexican—illegal Mexican immigrants in the United States.

President Bush. Well, I think—first of all, I think that—I don't think we ought to view this issue necessarily as a quid pro quo issue. This is an issue that we must confront regardless of a Mexican response. This is an employment issue in the United States.

We've got employers who can't find workers and, therefore, then employ undocumented workers. And under our law, that's illegal. And it seems like, to me, we ought to have a direct and honest assessment of reality. But we are getting what we wanted from Mexico, regardless of the details of this particular issue, and that is strong cooperation. That's all we can ask.

And the President is been very forward-leaning in working with us on a variety of matters, including better border enforcement and making sure we find those "coyotes" who are gathering illegals or undocumented folks and trying to run them into

our country for profit. I can't think of anything worse. And yet, this administration and this Government and our Governments are cooperating very closely on ferreting out those people who are willing to prey on innocent hard-working people, and stop that kind of activity. That's the kind of cooperation we expect and we're getting.

Microsoft Antitrust Case

Q. Mr. President, why are you abandoning the Clinton administration's attempt to break up Microsoft? Will this help consumers? And did you sign-off on this decision?

President Bush. He's asking about a legal matter, Mr. President.

During the course of the campaign and throughout my administration, I have made it abundantly clear that on issues relating to lawsuits, ongoing lawsuits, that I expect the Justice Department to handle that in a way that—in a way that brings honor and thought to the process. I respect and hold our Attorney General in high esteem, and I honor the work he's done. And I'm going to leave it at that.

Q. You're satisfied with the decision?

President Bush. I am satisfied with the fact that John Ashcroft is doing a fine job as the Attorney General.

[*At this point, a question was asked in Spanish. President Fox answered the question in Spanish, and a translation was not provided.*]

President Bush. For those of you who don't speak Spanish, he said, "President Bush's tax cut came right at the right time." [*Laughter*]

Social Security Surplus

Q. Mr. President, on that same rough subject, when you met with Republican leaders this morning, did you promise them, as they describe it, that no—that every dime of Social Security will be protected? Does that mean you will not sign any bills that even temporarily take from it?

President Bush. I told the Republican——

Q. And President Fox is welcome to take a swing at that, too.

President Bush. He probably doesn't want to. I told the Republican leaders, like I told Mr. Daschle and I will tell Mr. Gephardt tomorrow, we can work together to avoid dipping into Social Security. I have repeatedly said the only time to use Social Security money is in times of war, times of recession, or times of severe emergency. And I mean that. I mean that.

I think it is best for me to start working in a cooperative fashion with the Members of Congress, start by saying, let's work together to make sure that our budgets don't cause us to dip into Social Security. And of course, I've always got the ultimate way to make sure we bring fiscal sanity into Washington. That's what we call a veto, Mr. President. But rather than come from the negative perspective, my attitude, as we begin the fall session, is to say, we can work together. Let's do so.

I'll repeat to the American people, there is ample money coming into our Government to fund our priorities. And what we need is fiscal discipline in Washington, DC. The tax cut that we passed was a very important move to make sure our economy begins to gather momentum and grow.

The President knows what I know: When our economy is ill or slow or not meeting expectations, it affects our neighborhood. He's getting blamed for something that's taking place in America, and that's not fair. And so our tax relief plan is a part of an economic growth package.

I urge the Congress to pass an energy package. That's a job creation package. That's part of economic growth. I urge the Congress to pass trade promotion authority. If people are interested in growing our economy so that there are more jobs available, then they ought to not only herald the tax relief plan; they ought to be thinking about how to pass an energy package and a trade promotion authority package, as well. That's important for growth. We ought to be thinking, in Washington, DC, how to grow the economy.

Now, I realize, Mr. President, sometimes there are second-guessers in the political process, and there are some in Washington who appear to be second-guessing the tax relief plan. My guess is, is that they probably want to raise taxes. If they're against relief, the fundamental question is what they're for. And I suspect, if they're against one thing,

they must be for raising taxes. And my argument to them is, that would hurt the economy.

The best way for us to continue economic growth is to have a pro-growth plan in place and have fiscal discipline in Washington, DC. I look forward to working with the members of both parties to insist upon and implement a package that is fiscally disciplined. And we can do that, and I'm confident we can do that.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:30 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Martha Sahagun de Fox, wife of President Fox.

Remarks at the University of Toledo in Toledo

September 6, 2001

Thank you all very much. Governor, thank you very much. It's a great honor to be back in Ohio. Today I come bringing a special visitor, *un amigo de mio y tambien un amigo de los Estados Unidos*. It's an honor to bring a good friend of mine and a friend of our country, President Vicente Fox, to Ohio. I have the honor of introducing him. But before I do so, I wanted to introduce him to Ohio.

Mr. President, Ohio is an extraordinary State. It's a State full of decent and compassionate and hard-working people—Toledo. Not all the wisdom exists in Washington, DC. There's a lot of wisdom in towns like Toledo, Ohio. And it was my honor that the President had accepted not only the invitation for the first state dinner I had as your President, but agreed to travel with me to the heartland. So I want to thank you all for a warm welcome.

I want to thank so very much the leadership of the University of Toledo and the students who are here, the faculty that have made this event possible. Thank you for your hospitality. Mr. Mayor, thank you for your hospitality, as well. It's a thrill to be traveling with members of the United States congressional delegation, some of whom do what I tell them to do—[*laughter*]—some of whom are a little hard to persuade but all of whom love America. And all of whom bring honor to the office they hold. Thank you all very much for coming with me today.

I'm very proud to be traveling with one of my Cabinet Secretaries, a man who is doing a fabulous job at HUD. His name is Mel Martinez. When he was a young boy, his mother and daddy put him on a boat—I guess it was an airplane—to come to America from Cuba. They weren't ever sure whether they would see him again. They were sure, however, they were sending him to a place that loved freedom, a place where you can be anything you want to be in America. Today, this good man is in the Cabinet. It shows what a wonderful country we have and shows what a great man Mel Martinez is. Thank you for coming, Mel.

We've got distinguished members from the Mexican delegation traveling with us. We've got Ambassadors traveling with us. And we've even got the Treasurer of the United States traveling with us. My friend Rosario Marin is now the Treasurer of this great country. Please welcome her and all of the members of the Mexican delegation, as well.

We just had a really good visit in Washington. It was a commitment to friendship. It's important for my fellow Americans to understand my foreign policy, and it starts with this: Good foreign policy says you want your neighborhood to be peaceful and prosperous; a good foreign policy starts with being friends with your neighbors. We're friends with our neighbors to the North, and we're very good friends with our neighbors to the South, the *Mexicanos*.

Friends hold each other with respect—treat each other with respect and hold each other in high esteem. And the speaker I'm going to introduce is a man I hold in high esteem. Friends are willing to have honest dialog. And we've had a series of honest dialogs over the last 24 hours, had a frank discussion, but this isn't our first discussion. We've been discussing common opportunities and common problems for months. And as a result, our relationship has never been better and never been stronger.

I know there are some in this world and our country who want to build walls between