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Memorandum on Delegation of Authority to Compensate Air Carriers for Losses Resulting from the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001

September 25, 2001

Memorandum for the Secretary of Transportation

Subject: Delegation of Authority to Compensate Air Carriers for Losses Resulting from the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including section 101 of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (Public Law 107–42) (the "Act"), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Transportation the authority vested in the President under section 101 (a) (2) of the Act to compensate air carriers for the direct and incremental losses they incurred from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and any resulting ground stop order.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on Emergency Funding for Air Carriers

September 25, 2001

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with provisions of Public Law 107–42, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, I am providing up to $5 billion to the Department of Transportation's Compensation for Air Carriers account. These funds are urgently needed to enable the Nation's air carriers to meet the challenges resulting from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

I designate the entire $5 billion as an emergency requirement in accordance with section 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. In addition, I have delegated the authority vested under section 101(a)(2) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act to the Secretary of Transportation.

The funds contained in this designation are intended to stabilize the air transportation industry and compensate air carriers for direct losses resulting from the Secretary of Transportation's order to ground all aircraft immediately following the attacks, as well as any similar orders that may be issued in the future.

The details of this request are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Sikh Community Leaders

September 26, 2001

It's my honor to welcome citizens from all across our country here to the Roosevelt Room and the White House to discuss our common commitment to make sure that every American is treated with respect and dignity during this period of—during any period, for that matter, of American history, but particularly during this time.

An American Sikh has been killed, unjustly so. These citizens bring their hearts with them, and I can assure them that our Government will do everything we can to not only bring those people to justice but also to treat every human life as dear and to respect the values that made our country so different and so unique. We're all Americans, bound together by common ideals and common values.

So I want to welcome you all here. We're honored that you're here in the White House, and I look forward to a good, frank discussion.

Thank you for coming.