

**Memorandum on Emergency
Military Counterterrorism
Assistance to the Armed Forces of
the Philippines**

June 28, 2002

Presidential Determination No. 2002–24

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the
Secretary of Defense*

Subject: Presidential Determination to
Authorize the Furnishing of Emergency
Military Counterterrorism Assistance to the
Armed Forces of the Philippines

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2318(a)(1) (the “Act”), I hereby determine that:

- (1) an unforeseen emergency exists that requires immediate military counterterrorism assistance to the Armed Forces of the Philippines; and
- (2) the emergency requirement cannot be met under the authority of the Arms Export Control Act or any other law except 506(a) of the Act.

I therefore direct the drawdown of up to \$10 million of defense articles and services from the inventory and resources of the Department of Defense to the Philippines for counterterrorism assistance.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 1.

**Remarks at a Rally on Inner-City
Compassion in Cleveland, Ohio**

July 1, 2002

Thank you very much for that warm welcome. I’m feeling great, by the way. [*Laughter*] And I’m glad I’m here. And thank you all for coming.

We’ve just come from a discussion of community leaders all involved with trying to

make Cleveland a compassionate, decent place for every citizen. Some were Democrats; some were Republicans; all of them Americans, all of them Americans who understand that out of the evil done to America can come some incredible good, that by loving a neighbor just like you’d like to be loved yourself, you can do some good in our country. You can fight evil by being a decent, honorable, compassionate citizen. And that’s what I want to talk about today. I want to talk about the soul of America.

First, I appreciate my traveling party and the folks who showed up here today. I want to thank Rod Paige for being the Secretary of Education. I like to remind people that when I was—came time to pick a Secretary of Education, that I wanted somebody who had actually been on the frontlines of education. I didn’t need a theorist. I needed somebody who was a practical person, somebody—and I knew Rod when I was the Governor of Texas and he was the superintendent of our State’s largest school district, Houston Independent School District. And our test scores soared when he was leading that district. And so I—fortunately, he came to Washington, DC. He’s made a huge sacrifice to be there, and he’s doing a fine job. And I want to appreciate Rod, and I appreciate his leadership. I appreciate his being a straightforward fellow. It’s easy to understand where he’s coming from. He’s coming from this perspective: Every child must be educated in America—every child.

I also brought another man along with me, Alphonso Jackson, who is the Deputy Secretary of HUD. Alphonso’s job is to make sure we work tirelessly to promote homeownership in America. And I appreciate Alphonso coming. I’m going to talk a little bit about that later on.

Of course, I appreciate so very much the elected officials who have joined: My friend the Governor of the great State of Ohio, Bob Taft, is with us; your senior Senator, a fine friend and a good man, George Voinovich, is with us. I think you’re—are you the senior Senator? He’s the junior—he’s the oldest junior Senator. [*Laughter*] He’s a junior Senator who happens to be a senior citizen, he said. [*Laughter*] But a young—he thinks young. He’s a great man.