

**Letter to Congressional Leaders  
Reporting a Certification on  
Protection of Advanced  
Biotechnology**

*August 30, 2002*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. Chairman:)*

In accordance with the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by the Senate of the United States on April 24, 1997, I certify that for calendar year 2001:

In accordance with Condition 9, Protection of Advanced Biotechnology, the legitimate commercial activities and interests of chemical, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical firms in the United States are not being harmed significantly by the limitations of the Convention on access to, and production of, those chemicals and toxins listed in Schedule I of the Annex on Chemicals.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

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**Digest of Other  
White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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**August 24**

In the morning, the President traveled from Dana Point, CA, to Westwood, CA, and later to Las Cruces, NM. In the afternoon, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

**August 26**

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince

Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to discuss Saudi-U.S. relations and peace efforts in the Middle East.

**August 27**

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch, the President met with Ambassador to the U.S. Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia to discuss peace efforts in the Middle East, cooperation against terrorism, child custody cases in Saudi Arabia dealing with American citizens, and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with the Ambassador and members of the Ambassador's family. Later, the President took the Ambassador and his wife, Princess Haifa Bint Faisal, on a tour of the ranch.

The President announced his appointment of Dee Hansen as U.S. Commissioner and Chairman of the Bear River Commission for Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming.

The President announced his intention to designate W. Scott Railton as Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Community Development Advisory Board: William Bynum and Mark Pinsky (community development financial institution representatives), Robert Gauthier (Native American tribal development representative), Richard Jaramillo and John Rigler II (insured depository institution representatives), Debra Schwartz and Pablo Wong (consumer/public interest organization representatives), and Carolyn Williams (community development representative).

**August 28**

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to discuss the Prime Minister's efforts to resolve conflicts between North and South Korea, and other issues concerning North Korea.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad: Steven Some,

Warren Lloyd Miller (Chairman), Ned Bandler, Chaskel Besser, Phyllis Kaminsky, Michael B. Levy, Lee Seeman, Amy S. Epstein, and Irving Stolberg.

**August 29**

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings. Later, he traveled to Oklahoma City, OK, where, upon his arrival, he met with Herbert Rettke, a volunteer at the Oklahoma City Veterans Administration Medical Center.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Little Rock, AR, where he participated in a roundtable discussion on education at Parkview Arts and Science Magnet High School.

In the evening, the President returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Guam by authorizing an increase in Federal funding for the recovery from Typhoon Chata'an that struck the area on July 5-6.

1456, H.R. 1576, H.R. 2068, H.R. 2234, H.R. 2440, H.R. 2441, H.R. 2643, H.R. 3343, and H.R. 3380

**Released August 24**

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Russian military aircraft attack on villages in northern Georgia

**Released August 26**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

**Released August 27**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

**Released August 28**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Principal Deputy Press Secretary Scott McClellan

**Released August 29**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Principal Deputy Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Guam

Fact sheet: President Promotes Stronger Curriculum in Back-to-School Season

**Released August 30**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Principal Deputy Press Secretary Scott McClellan

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

**Released August 23\***

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that on August 21 the President signed H.R. 223, H.R. 309, H.R. 601, H.R. 1384, H.R.

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\* This item was not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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**Approved August 21\***

H.R. 223 / Public Law 107-211  
To amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the Act

H.R. 309 / Public Law 107-212  
Guam Foreign Investment Equity Act

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\* These public laws were not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.