

**Memorandum on Determination Under Subsection 402(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as Amended—Continuation of Waiver Authority for the Republic of Belarus**

May 29, 2003

Presidential Determination No. 2003-25

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Determination Under Subsection 402(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as Amended—Continuation of Waiver Authority for the Republic of Belarus

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, Public Law 93-618, 88 Stat. 1978 (hereinafter the “Act”), I determine, pursuant to section 402(d)(1) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2432(d)(1), that the further extension of the waiver authority granted by section 402 of the Act will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act. I further determine that continuation of the waiver applicable to Belarus will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act.

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

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 30.

**Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting Documentation on the Extension of Normal Trade Relations Status for Belarus**

May 29, 2003

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

I hereby transmit the document referred to in subsection 402(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (the “Act”), as amended, with respect to the continuation of a waiver of application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act to Belarus. This document constitutes my recommendation to continue this waiver for a further 12-month period and includes my determination that continuation of the waiver currently in effect for Belarus will substantially promote the objectives of sec-

tion 402 of the Act, and my reasons for such determination.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 30.

**Letter to Congressional Leaders Certifying Actions Responsive to Ratification of the Joint Convention on Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management**

May 29, 2003

*Dear 11111:*

In response to sections 2(1) and 2(2)(C) of the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Joint Convention on Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, adopted by the United States Senate on April 2, 2003, I hereby certify that the United States will take those actions specified in section 2(1) and that the Comptroller General shall have the access specified in section 2(2)(C). The executive branch shall implement the foregoing in a manner and to the extent consistent with the President’s constitutional authority to conduct the foreign affairs of the United States, supervise the unitary executive branch, and withhold information the disclosure of which could impair the foreign relations of the United States, the national security, the deliberative processes of the Executive, or the performance of the Executive’s constitutional duties.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Richard G. Lugar, chairman, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., ranking member, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Henry J. Hyde, chairman, and Tom Lantos, ranking member, House Committee on International Relations. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 30. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

**Letter to Congressional Leaders on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979**

*May 29, 2003*

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

Consistent with section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I transmit herewith a 6-month report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001, to deal with the threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 30. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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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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**May 24**

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

**May 25**

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

**May 26**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush

traveled to Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA, and later returned to Washington, DC.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea concerning their May 14 meeting in the Oval Office, the situation in North Korea, and President Bush's meetings with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on May 22-23.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain to offer condolences for the loss of Spanish soldiers on a military transport that crashed in Turkey earlier in the day. President Bush also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada to discuss the G-8 Summit beginning June 1 in Evian-les-Bains, France; Canada-U.S. relations; and other international issues.

**May 27**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

**May 28**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

The White House announced that on June 2-5 the President will travel to Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt, to meet with Arab leaders, then to Aqaba, Jordan, to meet with King Abdullah II of Jordan, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel, and Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority, and then to Doha, Qatar, to visit coalition and U.S. Central Command personnel.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao Barroso of Portugal to the White House on June 6 for a meeting and working luncheon.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals to represent the U.S. at the second inauguration of President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria on May 29 in Abuja, Nigeria: Roderick R. Paige, who will