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Sec. 6. *General Provisions.* (a) In implementing this order, the Commission shall solely advise and assist the President.

(b) In performing its functions under this order, the Commission shall, subject to the authority of the President, be independent from any executive department or agency, or of any officer, employee, or agent thereof.

(c) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the authorities of any department, agency, entity, officer, or employee of the United States under applicable law.

(d) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budget, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(e) The Director of the Office of Administration shall provide or arrange for the provision of administrative support and, with the assistance of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, ensure funding for the Commission consistent with applicable law. The Director of the Office of Administration shall ensure that such support and funding meets the Commission's reasonable needs and that the manner of provision of support and funding is consistent with the authority of the Commission within the executive branch in the performance of its functions.

(f) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation for their work on the Commission. Members who are not officers or employees in the executive branch, while engaged in the work of the Commission, may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law for persons serving intermittently in Government service (5 U.S.C. 5701 through 5707), consistent with the availability of funds.

(g) The Commission shall have a staff headed by an Executive Director. The Co-Chairs shall hire and employ, or obtain by assignment or detail from departments and agencies, the staff of the Commission, including the Executive Director.

(h) The term ''Intelligence Community'' is given the same meaning as contained in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended (50 U.S.C. 401a(4)).

(i) The term ''Weapons of Mass Destruction'' is given the same meaning as contained in section 1403(1) of the Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 1996 (50 U.S.C. 2302(1)).

Sec. 7. *Judicial Review.* This order is intended only to improve the internal management of the executive branch, and is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the United States, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

Sec. 8. *Termination.* The Commission shall terminate within 60 days after submitting its report.

George W. Bush

The White House,
February 6, 2004.

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NOTE: This Executive order will be published in the *Federal Register* on February 11.

Remarks to Reporters at the National Targeting Center in Reston, Virginia

February 6, 2004

I'm glad I came here to the National Targeting Center. This is a building full of modern technology and hard-working people. People here are working incredibly long hours to better secure the homeland, and I am here to thank them for their service to our country.

A lot of our citizens really don't know the extent to which our Government and many of the employees are really working hard. Here I've learned—I've seen how we are able to mate information with terrorist lists or information with potentially dangerous cargo so we can spread valuable information throughout the country at ports of entry or border crossings.

It's a fascinating place. It's a place where after 9/11 we grew, grew with getting the very best programs and programmers and computers to keep us better protected. I really want to thank the people here.

On another front, I'm pleased, obviously, with the new job growth. I have been saying that this economy looks pretty strong, and today 112,000 new jobs were created last month—a report that 112,000 new jobs were created last month. And that's good. Things are getting better. There is more to do, but this economy is growing in strength, and I'm obviously pleased with that.

Thank you all for coming.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:45 p.m.

Statement on the Terrorist Attack on the Moscow Subway

February 6, 2004

I condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attack on the Moscow subway. I join the American people in grieving for the victims and for their families. No cause ever justifies the killing of innocent life. The United States stands with Russia in opposing terrorist acts and in our determination to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

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.

January 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Philadelphia, PA.

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

February 1

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview by Jim Nantz of CBS Sports for "The Super Bowl Today" television program.

February 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with David Kay, former CIA Special Advisor for Strategy Regarding Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction Programs, to discuss Dr. Kay's findings as head of the Iraq Survey Group.

The White House announced that the President will meet with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the White House on February 3.

The President announced his intention to nominate Craig A. Kelly to be Ambassador to Chile.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Hardiman to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences.

February 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with Iraqi Fulbright scholars.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President visited with families of crewmembers who died in the Space Shuttle *Columbia* accident on February 1, 2003.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jerald S. Paul to be Principal Deputy Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration at the Department of Energy.

February 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the historic Evermay house, he attended a Republican National Committee luncheon.

February 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Charleston, SC, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Charles Hall.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Falcoff to be a member of the National Security Education Board.