

NOTE: The interview was taped at 4:08 p.m. in the Library at the White House for later broadcast, and the transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on June 25. In his remarks, the President referred to former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; Marvin Zindler, member, board of directors, Agris-Zindler Children's Fund; Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland; Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom; President Jacques Chirac of France; and Prime Minister Ayad al-Alawi of the Iraqi interim government. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this interview.

Statement on Resolution of Issues Affecting the Missouri River Basin

June 25, 2004

My administration is committed to working to preserve for America's farming families their way of life in the Missouri River basin, to provide more predictability to the many users of the river, and to protect threatened and endangered species that depend on the river for habitat.

The Army Corps of Engineers and Department of the Interior have succeeded in achieving a balance among interests on the river and resolving a key element of a 15-year-old conflict. Today the agencies are announcing the restoration of the habitat of an endangered species, which is an important milestone in ensuring that the river can remain an affordable avenue of commerce while meeting the habitat needs of the river's many species.

In addition, I am pleased that earlier this week the Federal court approved my administration's operating plan for the river, resolving years of litigation in multiple courts. The citizens who call the Missouri River home can now better plan for their future as they enjoy the many benefits and abundant wildlife that this extraordinary natural resource provides.

Memorandum on Imposition and Waiver of Sanctions Under Section 604 of the FY 2003 Foreign Relations Authorization Act

June 25, 2004

Presidential Determination No. 2004-39

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Memorandum on Imposition and Waiver of Sanctions Under Section 604 of the FY 2003 Foreign Relations Authorization Act (Public Law 107-228)

Consistent with the authority contained in section 604 of the FY 2003 Foreign Relations Authorization Act (Public Law 107-228) (the "Act"), and with reference to the determinations set out in the report to Congress transmitted herewith, consistent with section 603 of that Act, regarding non-compliance by the PLO and the Palestinian Authority with certain commitments, I hereby impose the sanction set out in section 604(a)(2) "Downgrade in Status of the PLO Office in the United States." This sanction is imposed for a period of 180 days from the date hereof or until such time as the next report required by section 603 of the Act is transmitted to the Congress, whichever is later.

You are authorized and directed to transmit to the appropriate Congressional committees the initial report described in section 603 of the Act.

Furthermore, I hereby determine that it is in the national security interest of the United States to waive that sanction, pursuant to section 604 of the Act. This waiver shall be effective for a period of 180 days from the date hereof or until such time as the next report required by section 603 of the Act is transmitted to the Congress, whichever is later. You are hereby authorized and directed to transmit this determination to the Congress and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting Budget Amendments

June 25, 2004

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed FY 2005 budget amendments for the Departments of Commerce, Health and Human Services, Justice, State, and Transportation; as well as the General Services Administration, the Election Assistance Commission, and the Federal Communications Commission. In total, these amendments would not increase the discretionary budget authority proposed in my FY 2005 Budget.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

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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.

June 19

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Wisconsin and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on May 19 and continuing.

June 20

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

June 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and then met with the National Security Council. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with *Good Housekeeping* magazine.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Cincinnati, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Charlene Calhoun. Later, he attended a Victory 2004 dinner at a private residence.

In the evening, prior to departure from Cincinnati aboard Air Force One, the President met with family members of Pfc. Keith M. Maupin, USA, who had been missing in Iraq since April 9 and was declared captured on April 16. He then returned to Washington, DC.

June 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

June 23

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ayad al-Alawi of the Iraqi interim government to discuss progress in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Philadelphia, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Pat McDonough.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Villanova, PA, where he attended a Victory 2004 reception at a private residence. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his selection of Faryar Shirzad as Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs and Deputy National Security Adviser.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Museum and Library Services Board: Beverly Allen, Gail Daly, Donald Leslie, Amy Owen, Sandra Pickett, Renee Swartz, and Kim Wang.

The President announced his intention to designate Edward Brehm as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.