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allow the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to consolidate headquarters staff at the Complex for the foreseeable future.

The executive branch shall construe section 1(g)(3) of the Act, which purports to make consultation with specified Members of Congress a precondition to execution of the law, as calling for, but not mandating, such consultation. Construing the provision as a mandate to consult would be inconsistent with constitutional provisions concerning the separate powers of the Congress to legislate and the President to execute the laws.

George W. Bush

The White House,
July 2, 2004.

NOTE: H.R. 4322, approved July 2, was assigned Public Law No. 108–268.

Memorandum on Delegation of Certain Reporting Authority

July 2, 2004

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Delegation of Certain Reporting Authority

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby delegate to you the functions and authority conferred upon the President by section 4 of the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002, Public Law 107–243, and by section 3 of the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution, Public Law 102–1, to make the specified reports to the Congress.

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

George W. Bush

Letter to Congressional Leaders Submitting Proposed Legislative Changes To Implement the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement

July 2, 2004

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

On May 18, 2004, the United States Trade Representative signed the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement on behalf of the United States. Consistent with section 2105(a)(1)(B) of the Trade Act of 2002, I am submitting a description of the changes to existing laws, prepared by my Administration, that would be required to bring the United States into compliance with that agreement.

I look forward to working with the Congress in developing legislation to implement this free trade agreement with an important economic partner and close ally.

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.

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 26

In the morning, at Dromoland Castle in Shannon, Ireland, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush paid a courtesy call on President Mary McAleese of Ireland and her husband, Martin. The President then met with Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland.

Later in the morning, at Dromoland Castle, the President participated in a European Union Summit meeting.

In the afternoon, at Dromoland Castle, the President participated in a European Union Summit working lunch. Later, he met with the chairs of the Transatlantic Business Dialogue.

Later in the afternoon, at Shannon International Airport, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted U.S. Embassy personnel. They then traveled to Ankara, Turkey, arriving in the evening.

June 27

In the morning, at the Hilton Ankara, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted U.S. Embassy personnel. Later, at the Prime Minister's Residence, the President met with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush went to Ataturk's Mausoleum, where they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony and book signing. Later, at the Cankaya Presidential Palace, they participated in an official welcome ceremony with President Ahmet Necdet Sezer of Turkey and his wife, Semra. The two Presidents then met in President Sezer's office.

In the afternoon, at the Cankaya Presidential Palace, the two Presidents and Prime Minister Erdogan participated in a working lunch.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Istanbul, Turkey. Upon arrival at Ataturk International Airport, they were greeted by U.S. Consul General David L. Arnett and his wife, Vivi. Later, at the Hilton Istanbul, the President met with religious leaders and then NATO Secretary General Jakob Gisjbert de Hoop Scheffer.

In the evening, at the Dolmabahce Palace, the President participated in a NATO leaders group photo. He and Mrs. Bush then participated in a dinner for NATO leaders and their spouses.

June 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Center, he participated in a working session of the North Atlantic Council.

In the afternoon, at the center, the President participated in a working lunch of the North Atlantic Council.

Later in the afternoon, at the Hilton Istanbul, the President met with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom.

In the evening, at the Hilton Istanbul, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted U.S. missions staff.

Later in the evening, at the Topkapi Palace, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a cultural event and a gala dinner for heads of state and government.

June 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Center, he participated in a working session of the NATO-Ukraine Commission.

Later in the morning, at the center, the President participated in photo opportunities with leaders of the Adriatic Charter countries and with the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council. He then participated in a working session of the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to Galatasaray University. Later, they returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

June 30

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President-elect Valdas Adamkus of Lithuania to congratulate him on his June 27 election victory. He then had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines to congratulate her on her reelection and to discuss counterterrorism efforts.

In the afternoon, in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President and former Presidential Envoy to Iraq L. Paul Bremer III dropped by a meeting of Iraqi Americans. Later, in the President's private dining room, they had lunch.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister David Oddsson of Iceland to the White House on July 6.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Elias Antonio Saca of El Salvador to the White House on July 12.

The President announced his selection of Brian H. Hook as Special Assistant to the President for Policy.

July 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Mohamed VI of Morocco to the White House on July 8.

The President announced his intention to nominate Valerie Lynn Baldwin to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management) at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christopher J. LaFleur to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

The President announced his intention to recess appoint Theodore William Kassinger as Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to recess appoint Michael D. Gallagher as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

The President announced his intention to recess appoint Floyd Hall as a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak).

The President announced his intention to recess appoint Jack Edwin McGregor as a member of the Advisory Board of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

The President declared a major disaster in Michigan and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on May 20–24.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on May 30 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding as a result of a levee break on June 3 and continuing.

July 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then met with the Homeland Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

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

Checklist of White House Press Releases

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 June 26

Text of U.S.-EU Declaration Supporting Peace, Progress, and Reform in the Broader Middle East and in the Mediterranean

Text of U.S.-EU Declaration of Support for the People of Iraq

Text of U.S.-EU Declaration on Sudan

Text of U.S.-EU Declaration on HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis

Fact sheet: U.S.-EU Summit: Fighting the Challenge of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Text of U.S.-EU Declaration on Combating Terrorism

Fact sheet: U.S.-EU Summit: Cooperation To Combat Terrorists and Other Serious Criminals