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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.