

It was a powerful day. You know, I came away from that site recognizing that everybody there searching through the rubble took that day personally. My fellow citizens took it personally. I took it personally. I have a duty that goes on. Every day that I wake up, I think about how best to secure our country. I will never relent in defending America, whatever it takes.

We have come through much together. We've done a lot of hard work. But there's more work to be done to move this country forward. During the next 4 years, we will spread opportunity and ownership throughout every corner of our country. We will pass the enduring values of our country to another generation. We will continue to work to spread freedom and peace.

You know, when I campaigned in your State 4 years ago, I asked—when I was asking for the vote, I made a pledge to the people of Minnesota and the people of our country that if you honored me with this great responsibility, I would uphold the dignity and the honor of the office to which I had been elected. And with your help and with your hard work, I will do so for 4 more years.

Thanks for coming. God bless. Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:55 p.m. at the Xcel Energy Center. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Randy Kelly of St. Paul, MN; Minnesota State Auditor Patricia Anderson; Minnesota State Representative Erik Paulsen; talk radio show host Laura Ingraham; Lt. Col. Joe Repya, USAR (Ret.) Bush Cheney '04 Minnesota Veterans Co-Chair; country music entertainer Ricky Skaggs; Col. Muammar Abu Minyar al-Qadhafi, leader of Libya; former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; and the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission).

## **Memorandum on Determination To Make Available Assistance for Liberia**

*August 20, 2004*

Presidential Determination No. 2004-43

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Administrator, United States Agency for International Development*

*Subject: Determination to Make Available Assistance for Liberia*

Consistent with the authority vested in me under the Act Making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, 2004 (Public Law 108-106), under the heading "International Disaster and Famine Assistance," I hereby determine that it is in the national interest and essential to efforts to reduce international terrorism to furnish \$86 million in assistance for Liberia from funds made available under that heading.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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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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### **August 14**

In the morning, in Redmond, WA, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Sioux City, IA, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with