

believe that if you granted amnesty to the people here working now that that would cause another 8 million people or so to come here. I do believe, however, it is humane to say to a person, “You’re doing a job somebody else won’t do; here is a temporary card to enable you to do the card.”

The length of the stay here will be dependent upon the actions of the Congress. It’s conceivable you could have a 3-year period with a renewal period. I’ve thought a lot about this issue; I just want you to know. And by the way, when you mention guest worker, a lot of people automatically spring to amnesty—all he wants to do is grant legal status—that’s just not the case; I don’t believe we ought to do that. But I do believe we ought to recognize there are people doing work others won’t do.

And there’s a lot of good employers here in Kansas employing these people, and the employers don’t know whether or not somebody is here legally or not. Because what’s happened is, a whole kind of industry has sprung up around people coming here. And it’s inhumane. It’s inhumane for the people being trafficked into the United States, and it’s not fair to employers who may be breaking the law.

And here’s what I mean. You’ve got people being smuggled into the United States of America by these criminal networks. They’re called *coyotes*—*coyotes*. And they’re bringing them in the back of 18-wheelers—stuffing human beings to come and do work in America that Americans won’t do, in the back of 18-wheelers. You’ve got a whole forgery industry up and running, you know? And so these guys show up with documents that—so the employer says, “Well, you look legal to me.” They don’t know whether they’re legal or not legal.

I think it is a—and I know that we’ve got a lot of our Border Patrol agents trying to catch people sneaking in the country. And so it seems like to me that why don’t we recognize reality, give people worker cards on a temporary basis so somebody can come back and forth legally, with a tamper-proof card that will enable an employer to know whether or not they’re hiring somebody who is illegal. And if we catch employers after

that hiring somebody illegal, there’s got to be a fine and a consequence.

And so a compassionate way to enforce our border is to give people a temporary-worker card without granting amnesty. That’s a long answer to a very important problem that is—now is the time for the United States to take it on squarely, in a humane way, that recognizes the situation and deals with it in an up-front way. And I want to thank you for your question.

Look, I’ve got a dinner tonight. [*Laughter*] I’d like to be here for a longer period of time, but Laura is serving dinner for retiring Alan Greenspan, and I better not be late, otherwise all that advice, it will be kind of—have a little different tone to it. [*Laughter*] I’ve really enjoyed being here. I want to thank you for your courtesy for having me. Thank you for supporting a great university in Kansas State University.

May God bless you all, and may God continue to bless our country. Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:51 a.m. at Kansas State University in Bramlage Coliseum. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Kathleen Sebelius of Kansas; Jon Wefald, president, Kansas State University; President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan; senior Al Qaida associate Abu Musab Al Zarqawi; President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea; President Mahmud Ahmadinejad of Iran; President Hu Jintao of China; and President Vladimir Putin of Russia.

Statement on the Death of President Ibrahim Rugova of Kosovo

January 23, 2006

I am deeply saddened by the death of President Ibrahim Rugova. For many years, President Rugova led the campaign for peace and democracy in Kosovo. He was a friend of the United States, and he earned the world’s respect for his principled stand against violence. Throughout years of conflict, he was a voice of reason and moderation that helped Kosovo’s people lay the groundwork for a peaceful future. The United States remains committed to working with the people of Kosovo to build a future that is stable, democratic, and prosperous. On behalf of the

people of the United States, Laura and I extend our condolences to President Rugova's family and to the people of Kosovo.

Remarks Following Discussions With Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz of Pakistan

January 24, 2006

President Bush. Mr. Prime Minister, welcome. We have just had a wide-ranging discussion, which one should expect when we've got a strategic relationship like we have with Pakistan. I think the relationship with Pakistan is a vital relationship for the United States, and I want to thank the Prime Minister and thank the President for working closely with us on a variety of issues. We're working closely to defeat the terrorists who would like to harm America and harm Pakistan.

We talked about the importance of trade and commerce and investment, and we also talked about the world response to the terrible tragedy that Pakistan has gone through. It's hard to imagine the devastation. The country lost 75,000 people; 4 million people were made homeless. I was very pleased that the United States, our taxpayers, our military could contribute to helping the people of Pakistan recover. They are our friends, and we consider this friendship to be a vital friendship for keeping the peace.

And so Mr. Prime Minister, thank you for coming. I'm really looking forward to going to your country. I'll be traveling to India and Pakistan in March. And I want to thank you for your invitation and your hospitality in advance.

Prime Minister Aziz. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for receiving us. The United States and Pakistan have a multifaceted relationship, covering a host of areas. It goes back in history, and the people of Pakistan value the relationship very much.

Let me, at the outset, say that the assistance the United States has given to Pakistan—the Chinooks, the MASH hospitals, the engineers, and the financial assistance after the earthquake—has touched the hearts and minds of all Pakistanis—and including your private sector and civil society. We real-

ly appreciate what has been done, and it will help restore the lives of the people who've been impacted by the earthquake. A sense of caring and sharing always builds a better relationship between countries. And that's what we are seeing between Pakistan and the United States.

Mr. President, we have a multifaceted relationship, and our discussions today, which we'll continue later, have covered a host of areas: the economic side, trade and investment—we are very keen to expand that. Pakistan has a growing economy, and U.S. investors can take part in this growth.

We also strive for peace in our area. It's an area which has a lot of challenges, and we are pursuing peace with all our neighbors. We want a solution of all disputes, including the Kashmir dispute. We want to see a strong, stable Afghanistan. We are against proliferation of nuclear weapons by anybody, and we want to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. There is no good terrorist or bad terrorist, and terrorism knows no borders. Our coalition with the United States in fighting terrorism is very important to all of the world and all of civil society.

We are delighted we are here to share this time with you, and the people of Pakistan and the President and all of our Cabinet and various stakeholders in Pakistan are looking forward to your visit, because we think that this is an important visit for building relations further between our two countries and serving the cause of peace in the world.

President Bush. Thank you, sir.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:50 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan.

Remarks Following a Visit to the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, Maryland

January 25, 2006

Thank you very much. I just had a really interesting visit here at the National Security Agency, and I want to thank General Alexander and all the folks who work out here for their hospitality and their briefing. I gave a speech to the men and women who are