

**Presidential Determination To Waive Military Coup-Related Provision of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006, as Carried Forward Under the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007, With Respect to Pakistan**

June 28, 2007

Presidential Determination No. 2007-23

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Presidential Determination to Waive Military Coup-Related Provision of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006, as carried forward under the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007, with respect to Pakistan

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 534(j) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (the "Act") (Public Law 109-102), as carried forward under the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (Public Law 110-5) (the "Continuing Resolution"), and Public Law 107-57, as amended, I hereby determine and certify, with respect to Pakistan, that a waiver of section 508 of the Act, as carried forward under the Continuing Resolution:

- (a) would facilitate the transition to democratic rule in Pakistan; and
- (b) is important to United States efforts to respond to, deter, or prevent acts of international terrorism.

Accordingly, I hereby waive, with respect to Pakistan, section 508 of such Act, as carried forward by the Continuing Resolution.

You are authorized and directed to transmit this determination to the Congress and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on June 29.

**Message on the Observance of Independence Day, 2007**

June 29, 2007

I send greetings to Americans everywhere celebrating Independence Day.

Two hundred thirty-one years ago, 56 brave men signed their names to a bold creed of freedom that set the course of our Nation and changed the history of the world. On this anniversary, we remember the great courage and conviction of our Founders, and we celebrate the enduring principles of our Declaration of Independence.

Through selfless sacrifice and unrelenting determination, the patriots of the American Revolution ensured that our Nation's claim to liberty and equality would not be dismissed or forgotten. The ideals they fought for and the country they helped establish are lasting symbols of hope to the entire world.

Our commitment to America's founding truths remains steadfast. We believe that freedom is a blessing from the Almighty and the birthright of every man and woman. As our Nation faces new challenges, we are answering history's call with confidence that our legacy of freedom will always prevail. On Independence Day, we express our gratitude to the generations of courageous Americans who have defended us and those who continue to serve in our country's hour of need, and we celebrate the liberty that makes America a light to the nations.

Laura and I wish you a Happy Fourth of July. May God bless you, and may He bless our wonderful country.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: The Office of the Press Secretary released a Spanish language version of this message. An original was not available for verification of the content of this message.

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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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### **June 23**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

### **June 24**

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the Ford's Theatre Gala, where he made remarks for television broadcast at a later date.

### **June 25**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working lunch with President Toomas Ilves of Estonia.

### **June 26**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in an interview with Bill Sammon of the Washington Examiner.

The President announced his intention to nominate Scott M. Burns to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate W. Ross Ashley III to be an Assistant Administrator (Grant Programs) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gen. Wayne A. Downing, USA (Ret.), as a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint R. Todd Gardenhire, Paul Clinton Harris, Sr., and Richard A. Manka as members of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

The President announced his intention to designate Craig W. Duehring as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).

### **June 27**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, on the South Lawn, the President participated in an interview with Hannah Storm of CBS News "The Early Show." Later, in the Rose Garden, he participated in a photo opportunity with the NCAA women's softball champion University of Arizona Wildcats.

### **June 28**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to North Kingstown, RI, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Sherrill Estes.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Newport, RI. While en route aboard Marine One, he took an aerial tour of Tall Ships Rhode Island 2007 in Newport Harbor.

In the afternoon, the President met with family members of military personnel killed in the war on terror. Later, he traveled to the Bush family home in Kennebunkport, ME.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christopher Egan to be the Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald B. Marron to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The President announced his intention to nominate Brent T. Wahlquist to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement at the Department of the Interior.

### **June 29**

In the morning, the President was briefed by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley concerning the attempted terrorist bombings in London, England. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President was briefed by Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Frances Fragos Townsend for further briefings on the situation in London.