

wife, for their hospitality. The Secretary and I have just landed. We've come from Australia; we're on our way to DC. And I decided that it was best to stop and say hello to some of our wounded soldiers and sailors and marines.

Every time I have an opportunity to meet people who have sacrificed on behalf of the security of the country, I'm amazed at their spirit and their resolve. One of the things I look for is to make sure that these troops and their families are getting the best possible treatment. If they've got any complaints, I'm available for them to air them out.

And what I heard was encouraging; that people feel like they're getting the best possible care. And that makes me feel good. I told them, when I was in the room, that I came back from Iraq encouraged by what I saw. No question, there's still hard work to do, but my resolve is as strong as it's ever been. I believe we're doing the right thing there for the security of the country and for the peace of the world.

General David Petraeus will be reporting to the Congress, along with Ambassador Crocker, on Monday and Tuesday. I will then talk about a way forward after their report. I ask the Members of Congress to just sit back and listen to what we all have to say before they reach the conclusions that they're going to reach. But one thing is for certain: Now is the time to do the hard work in order to make sure that we can have a peaceful world; now is the time to deny the radicals and extremists a safe haven; and now is the time to advance democracy in the heart of the Middle East. I believe that's the calling of our time, and I believe we'll succeed. And I know it's necessary we do.

Anyway, thank you all for your hospitality.

**Admiral Timothy J. Keating.** Yes, sir.

**The President.** Admiral said he cooked some lunch for us today. I'm looking forward to having it.

**Adm. Keating.** Caught the fish and then cooked the lunch.

**The President.** Governor, proud to be with you.

**Governor Linda Lingle of Hawaii.** Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

**The President.** Thank you very much.

### **The First Lady**

**Q.** Did you change any minds, Mr. President, with your trip?

**Q.** How is Mrs. Bush?

**The President.** She's doing great, thank you. I talked to Laura, talked to her twice. I talked to her right before she went in for the surgery, in Australia, and then talked to her twice on the airplane. Her spirits are good. They feel like the surgery was a success. She's now back at the White House. I told her I'm looking forward to having breakfast with her. I told her I'd be home soon. And I'm just grateful that the doctors did a good job, and I thank God for the fact that it came out well.

**Q.** Is she going to be released by the time you get home, sir?

**The President.** Yes, she's at the White House now.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:16 p.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. In his remarks, he referred to Adm. Timothy J. Keating, USN, commander, U.S. Pacific Command, and his wife, Wandalee; and Gen. David H. Petraeus, USA, commanding general, Multi-National Force—Iraq. A portion of these remarks could not be verified because the tape was incomplete.

### **Memorandum on Emergency Fund Drawdown To Support Assistance to Conflict Victims in Iraq, Lebanon, and Sri Lanka**

*September 8, 2007*

Presidential Determination No. 2007-31

#### *Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Emergency Fund Drawdown to Support Assistance to Conflict Victims in Iraq, Lebanon, and Sri Lanka

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including sections 2 and 4(a)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (the "Act"), as amended (22 U.S.C. 2601 and 2603) and section 301 of title 3, United States Code:

(1) I hereby determine, pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Act, that it is important to the national interest to furnish assistance

under the Act, in an amount not to exceed \$24 million from the United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund, for the purpose of meeting unexpected and urgent refugee and migration needs, including contributions to international, governmental, and nongovernmental organizations, and payment of administrative expenses of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration of the Department of State, related to: humanitarian needs resulting from conflicts in Iraq, Lebanon, and Sri Lanka.

(2) I hereby assign to you the functions of the President in relation to this memorandum under section 2(d) of the Act, and of establishing terms and conditions under section 2(c)(1) of the Act, and you may further assign such functions to any of your subordinates.

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

**George W. Bush**

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**Memorandum on Assignment of Reporting Functions Relating to the Information Sharing Environment**  
*September 8, 2007*

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intelligence*

*Subject:* Assignment of Reporting Functions Relating to the Information Sharing Environment

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, the reporting functions of the President under subsections (h) and (j) of

section 1016 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–458), as amended by the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53) (IRTPA), are hereby assigned to the Director of National Intelligence (Director). The Director shall consult the Secretaries of State, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, and the Attorney General in performing such functions.

Heads of departments and agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law, furnish to the Director information that the Director requests to perform such functions, in the format and on the schedule specified by the Director.

The Director shall perform such functions in a manner consistent with the President's constitutional authority to withhold information the disclosure of which could impair foreign relations, national security, the deliberative processes of the Executive, and the performance of the Executive's constitutional duties.

Any reference in this memorandum to the provision of IRTPA shall be deemed to include references to any hereafter-enacted provision of law that is the same or substantially the same as such provision.

The Director is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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**Remarks at a Swearing-In Ceremony for James A. Nussle as Director of the Office of Management and Budget**  
*September 10, 2007*

Thank you all. Please be seated. Thank you for joining us as I welcome the new Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Jim Nussle. I congratulate Jim. I thank him for agreeing to serve.