

**Letter to Congressional Leaders
Transmitting a Report on North
Atlantic Treaty Organization
Enlargement**

June 20, 2008

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to section 3(2)(E)(ii) of the Resolution of Ratification to the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic adopted on April 30, 1998, I am pleased to submit the enclosed report.

In doing so, I reiterate with appreciation the bipartisan support that the Congress has shown for NATO's next round of enlargement.

As provided in the Resolution, for each of the two current NATO invitees (Albania and Croatia) as well as for Macedonia (in the event an invitation is issued by the Alliance before the signing of accession protocols), the enclosed report includes:

- (I) updated information contained in the report required under clause (i) with respect to that country; and
- (II) an analysis of that country's ability to meet the full range of the financial burdens of NATO membership, and the likely impact upon the military effectiveness of NATO of the country invited for accession talks, if the country were to be admitted to NATO.

This report is in both classified and unclassified forms, as provided in the Resolution.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Robert C. Byrd, chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations; Carl Levin, chairman, Senate Committee on Armed Services; Joseph R. Biden, Jr., chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; David R. Obey, chairman, House Committee on Appropriations; Ike Skelton, chairman, House Committee on Armed Services; and Howard L. Berman, chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

**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 14

In the morning, at the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Paris, France, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Elysee Palace.

In the afternoon, the President and President Nicolas Sarkozy of France returned to the U.S. Ambassador's residence, where they were joined by Mrs. Bush. They all then attended the unveiling of the Flamme de la Liberte statue. Later, he visited the Suresnes American Cemetery and Memorial, where he participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

Later in the afternoon, the President visited Mont Valerien, where he participated in a wreath-laying ceremony. He then returned to the U.S. Ambassador's residence, where he met with U.S. Embassy staff and their families.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff and Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator R. David Paulison in which he was briefed on the flooding in the Midwest. Later, he and Mrs. Bush attended entertainment and a dinner hosted by U.S. Ambassador to France Craig Roberts Stapleton and his wife, Dorothy Walker Stapleton.

The President declared a major disaster in Wisconsin and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on June 5 and continuing.

June 15

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Windsor Castle in Windsor, England, where they met with Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, Duke

of Edinburgh. Later, they traveled to Winfield House, the U.S. Ambassador's residence in London, England. Then, in the Yellow Room, they participated in an interview with Adam Boulton of Sky News.

Later in the afternoon, in the Green Room, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a reception with British military personnel.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister's residence, where, in the State Dining Room, they had dinner with Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom and his wife, Sarah. Later, they returned to Winfield House.

June 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Family Dining Room, he had breakfast with Quartet Representative in the Middle East Tony Blair. He then traveled to 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister's residence.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. They then met with U.S. Embassy staff and their families.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Winfield House, where, in the Yellow Room, he met with Conservative Party Leader and Opposition Leader David Cameron of the United Kingdom. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Stormont Castle. Later, he traveled to the Lough View Integrated Primary School, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. They then toured the school. Later, they returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

June 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to St. Albans School, where they attended the wake for Tim Russert, moderator of NBC's "Meet the Press," who passed away on June 13. They then returned to the White House.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister

Nguyen Tan Dung of Vietnam to the White House on June 24.

June 18

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Levy Patrick Mwanawasa of Zambia to discuss the situation in Zimbabwe. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President met with the Chinese delegation to the U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue.

The President announced his intention to nominate J.V. Schwan to be Commissioner of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

The President announced his intention to designate Shara L. Aranoff as Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

The President announced his intention to designate Daniel Pearson as Vice Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

June 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Cedar Rapids, IA, where he participated in a briefing on the flooding in the Midwest.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Iowa City, IA. While en route aboard Marine One, he took an aerial tour of the areas damaged by flooding. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, mudslides, and landslides from June 3–7.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Patrick Rowan to be Assistant Attorney General (National Security Division) at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Brent R. Orrell to be Assistant Secretary of Labor (Employment and Training).

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard G. Olson, Jr., to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

The President announced his intention to nominate Diane Barone and Mary E. Curtis

to be members of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board.

June 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Fort Myers, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Josh Kelchner. He then traveled to Naples, FL, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Lincoln and Mario Diaz-Balart Florida Victory Committee luncheon. Later, he traveled to Raleigh, NC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Nick Marriam. Then, at a private residence, he attended a Pat McCrory for Governor reception.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on May 22 and continuing.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted June 16

Michele Jeanne Sison,
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Lebanon.

James Christopher Swan,
of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Submitted June 18

J.V. Schwan,
of Virginia, to be a member of the U.S. International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2017, vice Deanna Tanner Okur, term expired.

Submitted June 19

Diane Barone,
of Nevada, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2011, vice Donald D. Deshler, term expired.

Mary E. Curtis,
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2011, vice Carmel Borders, term expiring.

Gregory G. Garre,
of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, vice Paul D. Clement, resigned.

Richard G. Olson, Jr.,
of New Mexico, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Arab Emirates.

Michael O'Neill,
of Maryland, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia, vice Gladys Kessler, retired.

Brent R. Orrell,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, vice Emily Stover DeRocco.

Jeffrey Adam Rosen,
of Virginia, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia, vice Thomas F. Hogan, retired.

J. Patrick Rowan,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Kenneth L. Wainstein.