

**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