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Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Actions of Certain Persons To Undermine the Sovereignty of Lebanon or its Democratic Processes and Institutions

July 30, 2008

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication stating that the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of persons undermining the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions and certain other persons are to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2008.

The actions of certain persons to undermine Lebanon's legitimate and democratically elected government or democratic institutions, to contribute to the deliberate breakdown in the rule of law in Lebanon, including through politically motivated violence and intimidation, to reassert Syrian control or contribute to Syrian interference in Lebanon, or to infringe upon or undermine Lebanese sovereignty contribute to political and economic instability in that country and the region and constitute a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of persons undermining the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions and certain other persons.

George W. Bush

The White House,
July 30, 2008.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on Comprehensive Nuclear Threat Reduction and Security

July 30, 2008

Dear Madam Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, consistent with the provisions of section 699M of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161), the enclosed report entitled, "Comprehensive Nuclear Threat Reduction and Security Plan."

This report, compiled by the Departments of State, Defense, Energy, and Homeland Security, details Federal plans to ensure that all weapons and weapons-usable material at vulnerable sites are secure from terrorist threats. As required, the report includes information on sustainability plans, interagency cooperation, programmatic and budgetary requirements, and international engagement related to these vital national security efforts.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate.

Interview With Foreign Print Journalists

July 30, 2008

The President. Thanks. Looking forward to my trip. As you all know, the itinerary is South Korea, Thailand, and then China. China will be a mix of—South Korea will be all diplomacy; get a chance to see my friend, the President; a good discussion about common issues. I'll see the Prime Minister of Thailand for a nice dinner. He'll have some interesting events related to Burma the next day. And then, of course, we go into China