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I know that the days are dim right now for a lot of folks, but I firmly believe tomorrow is going to be brighter. And I thank you for having that resiliency and that drive to hang in there and help this economy grow and recover.

God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2 p.m. at Guernsey Office Products, Inc. In his remarks, he referred to David Guernsey, president and chief executive officer, Guernsey Office Products, Inc., who introduced the President.

Message on the Observance of Yom Kippur, 5769

October 7, 2008

For on this day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins shall ye be clean before the LORD.

Leviticus 16:30

Yom Kippur is the Jewish Day of Atonement and the most holy day in the Jewish faith. From the time the Kol Nidre is recited until the Shofar is sounded, Jews around the world will draw nearer to God through acts of atonement, fasting, and prayer. Jewish tradition teaches that on Yom Kippur, God remembers every name, listens to every petition, and offers forgiveness to the repentant.

On this day, Americans are reminded of the great blessings of religious freedom and the unalienable rights bestowed upon all people by the Creator of life. May God grant us peace, comfort, and hope for all the challenges we may face in the year ahead.

Laura and I send our best wishes for a blessed day and a most meaningful fast.

George W. Bush

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this message.

Executive Order 13475—Further Amendments to Executive Orders 12139 and 12949 in Light of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 Amendments Act of 2008

October 7, 2008

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including sections 104 and 303 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), as amended by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 Amendments Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–261), it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Section 1–103 of Executive Order 12139 of May 23, 1979, as amended, is further amended by:

(a) striking "(7)" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "(6)";

(b) adding after subsection (h) "(i) Deputy Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."; and

(c) by adding after the sentence that begins "None of the above officials . . .", a new sentence to read "The requirement of the preceding sentence that the named official must be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate does not apply to the Deputy Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Sec. 2. Section 3 of Executive Order 12949 of February 9, 1995, as amended, is further amended by:

(a) striking "(7)" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "(6)";

(b) striking "and" at the end of subsection (g);

(c) striking the period at the end of subsection (h) and inserting in lieu thereof "; and";

(d) adding after subsection (h) "(i) Deputy Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."; and

(e) by adding after the sentence that begins "None of the above officials . . .", a new sentence to read "The requirement of the preceding sentence