

**The President.** Why? Because it's something people ought to do. And I believe in supporting charities. As you know, every year when I put out my income tax returns, you see the fact that I do give to charities, give to my church. I haven't made up my mind yet.

Thank you all for your time.

### **President's Schedule**

**Q.** Are you going to talk to us—you going to talk to us tomorrow? Play golf and maybe talk to us?

**The President.** Do what?

**Q.** You're going to have the budget review tomorrow. Do you think you might talk to us from the golf course or someplace?

**The President.** I won't be playing golf tomorrow. Probably—I may—just keep loose this week. I may have a discussion with you on some matters later on this week.

**Q.** Military matters, perhaps?

**The President.** I ain't telling.

**Q.** Buildings with five sides?

**Q.** No more hints?

**The President.** No, the last time we—I'm trying to get a picnic organized so you all can come out to the ranch. Is this the—are you the last shift?

**Q.** Yes.

**The President.** Okay, last shift. Up until when we go. We're leaving Thursday, now. We're going back Thursday morning, the 30th.

**Q.** Wow, even earlier?

**Q.** The 30th?

**The President.** We're going back on the 30th. Laura wants to get back a day early.

### **President's Vacation**

**Q.** How's the bass fishing going?

**The President.** They've actually gotten up to about a pound. They're growing. The lake's evaporating because it's so hot.

Okay, see you there.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:36 a.m. at the Kansas City North Target store's snackbar. In his remarks, he referred to Linda Richey Graves, wife of Gov. Bill Graves. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

### **Memorandum on a Military Drawdown for Tunisia**

*August 18, 2001*

Presidential Determination No. 2001–24

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense*

*Subject: Military Drawdown for Tunisia*

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including Title III (Foreign Military Financing) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2001, as enacted in Public Law 106–429 (Title III), I hereby direct the drawdown of defense articles from the stocks of the Department of Defense, and military education and training of the aggregate value of \$5 million for Tunisia, consistent with the authority provided under Title III, for the purposes of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 22.

### **Statement on Senator Jesse Helms' Decision Not To Seek Reelection**

*August 22, 2001*

The Senate is losing an institution with the decision of Jesse Helms to retire after three decades of distinguished public service. Senator Helms went to Washington but never became a part of Washington. He has always remained true to his conservative principles and to the people of North Carolina who elected him five times. Senator Helms is a true gentleman, known for treating his colleagues with the utmost respect and courtesy, regardless of party or policy differences.

As chairman and ranking Republican of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Helms has been a tireless defender of our