

I do to help you?” Support your teachers. Get involved in a faith-based program, understanding that faith can change people’s hearts, and by changing people’s hearts, we can change their lives. The way to fight evil is through the gathering momentum of millions of acts of kindness, is to show the world the true face of the American people.

I am so optimistic about this country because I understand our resolve and our unity. I understand our courage. You know, probably the most meaningful event that took place, as far as I’m concerned, right after September—or during the September 11th and afterwards—was Flight 93, when Americans were on a telephone to their wives. They said the Lord’s Prayer. They then said to their wives, “I love you,” and drove an airplane in the ground to save other people’s lives. This notion about us being a shallow, materialistic society went down the tubes with the courageous people on Flight 93.

It leads me to believe that out of these acts of incredible evil will come some great good. If we remain strong, the world will be more peaceful. And here at home, I think we have an opportunity to help change a culture—one that has said, if it feels good, go ahead and do it, and if you’ve got a problem, blame somebody else. I see a different culture, one in which we understand we’re all responsible for the actions we take in life, that we’re responsible—that part of a responsibility era means that each mom and dad in America must love their children with all their heart and all their soul. A responsibility era calls us all to help neighbors in need. A responsibility era recognizes the worth in serving a cause greater than self. A responsibility era understands that sacrifice for the good of your fellow human beings is worth it.

Listen, this is a fabulous nation. It’s a fabulous nation not because of our Government. It is a fabulous nation because of the hearts and souls of the American people. And it is such a huge honor to be the President of the United States, of such a great land.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 6:25 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Minneapolis Hilton and Towers. In his remarks, he referred to Gene Frey, who introduced the President; Patricia A. Harvey,

superintendent, Saint Paul Public Schools; Ron Eibensteiner, chair, Republican Party of Minnesota; and Laurie Coleman, wife of former Mayor Coleman of St. Paul.

Memorandum on Funding for International Organizations

March 4, 2002

Presidential Determination No. 2002–08

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Determination Pursuant to Section 523 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2002, (Public Law 107–115)

Pursuant to section 523 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2002, (Public Law 107–115), I hereby certify that withholding from international financial institutions and other international organizations and programs funds appropriated or otherwise made available pursuant to that Act is contrary to the national interest.

You are authorized and directed to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 5, and it was published in the *Federal Register* on March 8.

Remarks to the White House Conference on Preparing Tomorrow’s Teachers

March 5, 2002

Well, thank you all for coming to the White House. I appreciate the focus of this summit more than you can possibly know, because I understand the important role a teacher plays in the lives of our children. I’ve had some firsthand experience with teachers playing a role in my life. I married one, thank