

the office of President of the United States. With the transmittal of this letter, I am resuming those powers and duties effective immediately.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Robert C. Byrd, President pro tempore of the Senate. The Office of the Press Secretary released the text of both letters. Originals were not available for verification of the content of the letters.

### **Proclamation 7575—Lewis and Clark Bicentennial**

*June 28, 2002*

*By the President of the United States  
of America*

#### **A Proclamation**

Nearly 200 years ago, President Thomas Jefferson sent an expedition westward to find and map a transcontinental water route to the Pacific Ocean. With approval from the Congress, Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark embarked on their legendary 3-year journey to explore the uncharted West. The expedition included 33 permanent party members, known as the Corps of Discovery.

Their effort to chart the area between the Missouri River and the Pacific Coast set these courageous Americans on a remarkable scientific voyage that changed our Nation. In successfully completing the overland journey between the Missouri and Columbia River systems, they opened the unknown West for future development. During their exploration, Lewis and Clark collected plant and animal specimens, studied Indian cultures, conducted diplomatic councils, established trading relationships with tribes, and recorded weather data. To accomplish their goals, the Corps of Discovery relied on the

assistance and guidance of Sakajawea, a Shoshone Indian woman.

As we approach the 200th anniversary of Lewis and Clark's expedition, we commend their resourcefulness, determination, and bravery. This Bicentennial should also serve to remind us of our Nation's outstanding natural resources. Many of these treasures first detailed by Lewis and Clark are available today for people to visit, study, and enjoy. As the commemoration of this journey begins in 2003, I encourage all Americans to celebrate the accomplishments of Lewis and Clark and to recognize their contributions to our history.

**Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush,** President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby designate 2003 through 2006 as the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. I ask all Americans to observe this event with appropriate activities that honor the achievements of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. I also direct Federal agencies to work in cooperation with each other, States, tribes, communities, and the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial to promote educational, cultural, and interpretive opportunities for citizens and visitors to learn more about the natural, historical, and cultural resources that are significant components of the Lewis and Clark story.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

**George W. Bush**

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**Memorandum on Emergency  
Military Counterterrorism  
Assistance to the Armed Forces of  
the Philippines**

June 28, 2002

Presidential Determination No. 2002-24

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

*Subject:* Presidential Determination to  
Authorize the Furnishing of Emergency  
Military Counterterrorism Assistance to the  
Armed Forces of the Philippines

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2318(a)(1) (the “Act”), I hereby determine that:

- (1) an unforeseen emergency exists that requires immediate military counterterrorism assistance to the Armed Forces of the Philippines; and
- (2) the emergency requirement cannot be met under the authority of the Arms Export Control Act or any other law except 506(a) of the Act.

I therefore direct the drawdown of up to \$10 million of defense articles and services from the inventory and resources of the Department of Defense to the Philippines for counterterrorism assistance.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 1.

**Remarks at a Rally on Inner-City  
Compassion in Cleveland, Ohio**

July 1, 2002

Thank you very much for that warm welcome. I’m feeling great, by the way. [*Laughter*] And I’m glad I’m here. And thank you all for coming.

We’ve just come from a discussion of community leaders all involved with trying to

make Cleveland a compassionate, decent place for every citizen. Some were Democrats; some were Republicans; all of them Americans, all of them Americans who understand that out of the evil done to America can come some incredible good, that by loving a neighbor just like you’d like to be loved yourself, you can do some good in our country. You can fight evil by being a decent, honorable, compassionate citizen. And that’s what I want to talk about today. I want to talk about the soul of America.

First, I appreciate my traveling party and the folks who showed up here today. I want to thank Rod Paige for being the Secretary of Education. I like to remind people that when I was—came time to pick a Secretary of Education, that I wanted somebody who had actually been on the frontlines of education. I didn’t need a theorist. I needed somebody who was a practical person, somebody—and I knew Rod when I was the Governor of Texas and he was the superintendent of our State’s largest school district, Houston Independent School District. And our test scores soared when he was leading that district. And so I—fortunately, he came to Washington, DC. He’s made a huge sacrifice to be there, and he’s doing a fine job. And I want to appreciate Rod, and I appreciate his leadership. I appreciate his being a straightforward fellow. It’s easy to understand where he’s coming from. He’s coming from this perspective: Every child must be educated in America—every child.

I also brought another man along with me, Alphonso Jackson, who is the Deputy Secretary of HUD. Alphonso’s job is to make sure we work tirelessly to promote homeownership in America. And I appreciate Alphonso coming. I’m going to talk a little bit about that later on.

Of course, I appreciate so very much the elected officials who have joined: My friend the Governor of the great State of Ohio, Bob Taft, is with us; your senior Senator, a fine friend and a good man, George Voinovich, is with us. I think you’re—are you the senior Senator? He’s the junior—he’s the oldest junior Senator. [*Laughter*] He’s a junior Senator who happens to be a senior citizen, he said. [*Laughter*] But a young—he thinks young. He’s a great man.