

**Notice—Continuation of Emergency
Regarding Export Control
Regulations**

August 14, 2002

On August 17, 2001, consistent with the authority provided me under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), I issued Executive Order 13222. In that order, I declared a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States in light of the expiration of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2401 *et seq.*). Because the Export Administration Act has not been renewed by the Congress, the national emergency declared on August 17, 2001, must continue in effect beyond August 17, 2002. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing for 1 year the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222.

This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.

George W. Bush

The White House,
August 14, 2002.

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**Letter to Congressional Leaders on
Continuation of the National
Emergency With Respect to the
Lapse of the Export Administration
Act of 1979**

August 14, 2002

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

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, stating that the emergency caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended, is to continue in effect beyond August 17, 2002, to the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 16. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

**Remarks at a Volunteer Barbecue
Lunch in Crawford, Texas**

August 16, 2002

Thank you, Mary. In case you don't know it, Mary is the maintenance supervisor at the Crawford Independent School District. [*Applause*] That's right. And when we arrive here in Crawford, she's got a lot to maintain—[*laughter*]—because, as you can see, we travel with a lot of people.

And Laura and I are here to thank you for helping make our stay and dealing with these large entourages go well. We appreciate it. We love to come to Crawford. We view it as our home. As you know, I bring my office with me, and you all help make the transition from Washington to the Crawford White House work well. And we understand that. We see many of you in the vans waiting for us when we come pulling out or meeting us at the airport there in Waco. We see a lot of you at the press avails. We see you when you're helping with our guests, our foreign dignitaries who come to visit. And all of you are doing a great job. So today what we'd like to do is to thank you, feed you—[*laughter*]—and photograph you. [*Laughter*]

I get a lot of work done here in Crawford. You know, it's hard for some to maybe understand, but the decisionmaking process never ends when you're the President. You're constantly being briefed and brought up to date

on this, that, or the other. And I still make decisions here. I just find that I can—it's a different perspective when I come here, out of Washington, DC, to a place like Crawford, Texas. I'm reminded of the great values of our beloved Texas and the values of faith and family and friendship that you find in places like Crawford.

So I never quit being the President; I just have got a different perspective about things. I might come to the same conclusion on decisions that I have to make, but I make them in a different environment. And this is a fabulous environment in which to make decisions and to meet with people.

We love it here. There's nothing better than to get up early in the morning and to go jogging across our ranch, see a couple of deer, talk to the turkeys—[*laughter*—watch Barney chase them. [*Laughter*]

But we want to thank you for being good neighbors. We want to thank you all very much from the bottom of our heart for helping make our transitions to—back to home as smoothly as they have gone. We want you to know that one of these days, we'll be joining you in the coffee shop on a regular basis for eating lunch. In the meantime, we've got a job to do, and coming here really helps us do the job that you expect us to do.

So Laura and I thank you from the bottom of our heart. It's great to see you. We look forward to shaking every hand here and personally thanking you for all your hard work.

May God continue to bless America, and may God bless you and your families.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:15 a.m. at the Crawford Community Center. In his remarks, he referred to Mary Keltner, maintenance supervisor, Crawford Independent School District, who introduced the President.

Remarks and an Exchange With Reporters in Crawford

August 16, 2002

Baseball Labor Dispute

The President. Let me start off by saying the baseball owners and the baseball players must understand that if there is a stoppage, a work stoppage, a lot of fans are going to be furious, and I'm one. It is very important

for these people to get together. They can make every excuse in the book not to reach an accord. It is bad for them not to reach an accord. They need to keep working.

And I'll be glad to answer a couple of questions.

Q. Mr. President, you spoke—

The President. Starting with you.

Execution of Javier Suarez Medina/ Mexico-U.S. Relations

Q. Thank you, Mr. President. You spoke Tuesday with President Fox.

The President. Yes, I did.

Q. What did you tell him about the execution? And are you disappointed he's not coming?

The President. Well, first of all, I understand why he's not coming. He said that if the execution goes forward, he's not going to come.

Q. He told you that Tuesday?

The President. Yes, he did. And I said, "Well, we have laws here in America. We've got—the State of Texas has got a law." I said that there's going to be full recourse to the courts, which there was. And the Governor made the decision he made; the Supreme Court made the decision it made; and President Fox made the decision he made.

But I am confident that our friendship is strong, that we'll be able to work together to resolve common problems, and we'll have future discussions.

Michael [Mike Allen, Washington Post].

Iraq

Q. Mr. President, not all Republicans seem sold on your intention to deal with dictators who gas their own people. What are you going to do to make that case more persuasively? Are you consulting with them? And what is your obligation of getting approval, not just consultation, with Congress?

The President. Yes, I appreciate that question. First of all, I am aware that some very intelligent people are expressing their opinions about Saddam Hussein and Iraq. I listen carefully to what they have to say.

There should be no doubt in anybody's mind, this man is thumbing his nose at the world, that he has gassed his own people, that he is trouble in his neighborhood, that