

**Memorandum on Waiver of Conditions on Obligation and Expenditure of Funds for Planning, Design, and Construction of a Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility in Russia for Calendar Year 2006**

December 22, 2005

Presidential Determination No. 2006-06

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Waiver of Conditions on Obligation and Expenditure of Funds for Planning, Design, and Construction of a Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility in Russia for Calendar Year 2006

Consistent with the authority vested in me by section 1303 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108-375) (the “Act”), I hereby certify that waiving the conditions described in section 1305 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65), as amended, is important to the national security interests of the United States, and include herein, for submission to the Congress, the statement, justification, and plan described in section 1303 of the Act. This waiver shall apply for calendar year 2006.

You are authorized and directed to transmit this certification, including the statement, justification, and plan, to the Congress and to arrange for the publication of this certification in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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**Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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**December 17**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

**December 19**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate James I. Finley to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sharee M. Freeman to be Director of the Community Relations Service at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen Goldsmith to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rodney R. McInnis as a member of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (Department of Commerce, National Maritime Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration member).

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles S. Robb as a member of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Sharee M. Freeman as Acting Director of the Community Relations Service at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Inauguration of the President of Tanzania on December 21: Jendayi E. Frazer (head of delegation); Cindy Courville; and Michael L. Retzer.

**December 20**

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Jalal Talabani and Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jafari of Iraq to congratulate them on Iraq’s successful elections. Later, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to wish him well after he experienced a mild stroke on December 19.

Later in the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in a signing ceremony for the Stem Cell and Therapeutic Research Act of 2005.

In the evening, the President hosted a holiday reception.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to the areas of Louisiana impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm from November 27–29.

### **December 21**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, where they visited U.S. military personnel injured in Iraq and their family members and presented Purple Hearts to some servicemembers.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Indian Treaty Room, he participated in a meeting on developing a skilled trades workforce to rebuild the gulf coast.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alexander A. Karsner to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald R. DePriest to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vince J. Juaristi to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation: V. Jay Allen; Stephen A. Baldwin; Jean M. Case; Gerald Colangelo; Evern D. Cooper; Myrka DeLlanos; Hilary E. Duff; Patricia H. Heaton; Kasey K. Kahne; Arthur G. Linkletter; Mary J. Myers; Corinne B. Roberts; Michael W. Smith; Wendy M. Spencer; Roxanne Spillett; Hope Taft; and Charles P. Turlinski.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to the areas of Mississippi impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

### **December 22**

In the morning, the President had breakfast with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

### **December 23**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### **Submitted December 20**

James I. Finley,  
of Minnesota, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, vice Michael W. Wynne.

Sharee M. Freeman,  
of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of 4 years (re-appointment).

Stephen Goldsmith,  
of Indiana, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2010 (reappointment).

### **Submitted December 21**

Donald R. DePriest,  
of Mississippi, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2009 (new position).

Vince J. Juaristi,  
of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National