

Northeast Asian regional security mechanism. I also reassured President Bush that the inter-Korean summit will underpin the progress at the six-party talks, that relations—the inter-Korean relations and the six-party talks should be a mutually reinforcing relationship.

I think I might be wrong—I think I did not hear President Bush mention the—a declaration to end the Korean war just now. Did you say so, President Bush?

President Bush. I said it's up to Kim Jong Il as to whether or not we're able to sign a peace treaty to end the Korean war. He's got to get rid of his weapons in a verifiable fashion. And we're making progress toward that goal. It's up to him.

President Roh. I believe that they are the same thing, Mr. President. If you could be a little bit clearer in your message, I think—

President Bush. I can't make it any more clear, Mr. President. We look forward to the day when we can end the Korean war. That will end—will happen when Kim Jong Il verifiably gets rid of his weapons programs and his weapons.

Thank you, sir.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:29 p.m. at the InterContinental Sydney. In his remarks, he referred to Chairman Kim Jong Il of North Korea. President Roh spoke in Korean, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

Remarks Following a Meeting With President Vladimir Putin of Russia in Sydney

September 7, 2007

President Putin. First of all, I would like to say that I am very glad to have this opportunity to meet with the U.S. President within the framework of the APEC summit.

In the meeting we had today, I started with the words of gratitude for this fantastic and warm welcome which we enjoyed during our visit to Kennebunkport recently.

We have managed to cover all the matters on our bilateral agenda and the key international aspects too. First of all, about the missile defense—we have once again said that it is necessary that our experts meet

again very soon and make another trip to Azerbaijan to the Gabala radio location station. By saying this, we confirm that the process of our joint work on this—in this direction is underway.

We also discussed the—Russia's WTO accession plans. We hope that this work will end up with positive results and these endeavors will be continued on the expert level too.

We also discussed the Iranian nuclear issue. And I would like to say that Russia intends and is prepared to continue this work with our partners and colleagues within the framework of the IAEA and the United Nations. And I hope that a solution will be found for the benefits of the international community in general and the benefits of Iranian people in particular.

We also covered our economic relations. We discussed some particular large-scale economic projects, the implementation of which is to the interests of the business communities on both sides, in the U.S. and in Russia.

And we also discussed the environmental issues, in particular in connection with the forthcoming APEC summit. I should tell you that we have very close positions on these matters.

I would like to thank my colleague, the President of the United States, for a very constructive and open dialog, which we enjoyed today.

This gives me every hope to believe that further on the relations between the countries will continue to develop in the same positive mood.

Thank you.

President Bush. Vladimir, thanks. For a minute, I thought he brought up the Kennebunkport visit to remind me that he was the only one who caught the fish. But in fact, it was our—my family's great pleasure to welcome my friend the President of Russia to Mother and Dad's home.

I have nothing much more to add than what Vladimir said. We did discuss a variety of issues that are of importance to our respective countries, and I found the conversation to be cordial and constructive. We are results-oriented people. We want to help solve problems. And we recognize that we

can do better solving problems when we work together.

So I appreciate your time, appreciate your friendship, and appreciate the chance to dialog on important matters.

President Putin. And we also agreed that we will enjoy fishing not only in the United States but somewhere in Siberia very soon.

President Bush. Yes, sir. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:51 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel at Circular Quay. President Putin spoke in Russian, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

Statement on the Death of D. James Kennedy

September 7, 2007

Dr. D. James Kennedy was a man of great vision, faith, and integrity. Under his leadership, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church of Florida developed from a small group of worshipers in an elementary school cafeteria into one of America's most prominent congregations. Dr. Kennedy's message of love and hope inspired millions of Americans and others worldwide through the institutions he founded, including Coral Ridge Ministries, Knox Theological Seminary, and Westminster Academy. He was also a student of history and successful author who encouraged Americans of faith to exercise their democratic freedoms and put their values into practice. His legacy of grace and personal humility will continue to influence hearts and lives.

Laura and I pray for Anne, his wife of over 50 years, and the rest of the Kennedy family.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

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.

September 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

September 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Al Asad Air Base in Iraq.

During the day, the President met with General David H. Petraeus, commanding general, Multi-National Force—Iraq, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker, Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, Admiral William J. Fallon, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Later, he met with Sunni tribal and Provincial leaders.

Also during the day, the President participated in separate interviews with CBS News and NBC News.

In the evening, the President traveled to Sydney, Australia, arriving the following evening. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with travel pool reporters.

September 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced that he has nominated Gregory F. Jacob to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

The President announced that he has nominated Robert D. Jamison to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced that he has nominated James F. Moriarty to be Ambassador to Bangladesh.

The President announced that he has nominated Christopher A. Padilla to be Under Secretary for International Trade at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced that he has nominated Paula J. Dobriansky for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure as Special Envoy to Northern Ireland.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marc S. Goldman as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.