

REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY REGARDING PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-229)

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*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 18, 2002.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO RISK OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IN RUSSIAN FEDERATION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-230)

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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 declared with respect to the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation is to continue beyond June 21, 2002, to the Federal Register for publication. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the Federal Register on June 14, 2001, (66 FR 32207).

It remains a major national security goal of the United States to ensure that fissile material removed from Russian nuclear weapons pursuant to various arms control and disarmament agreements is dedicated to peaceful uses, subject to transparency measures, and protected from diversion to activities of proliferation concern. The accumulation of a large volume of

weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation and maintain in force these emergency authorities to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ENGEL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, in light of yet another suicide bombing in Israel yesterday, I think it is incumbent that all of us reflect on the targeting of innocent civilians in a reign of terror carried out by the Palestinian Authority and other organizations under its control. We can no longer, if we ever could, stand idly by and allow these suicide bombings targeting innocent civilians to take place time and time again, and every time say that Mr. Arafat has to do more to prevent terrorism, Mr. Arafat has to show that he can step up to the plate and combat terrorism.

At what point do we simply say enough is enough and move beyond Mr. Arafat? I think that point has come and gone a long time ago.

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President Bush is supposedly going to make a statement within the next few days talking about a so-called "provisional" Palestinian state. I would say to the President and to my colleagues and to everyone concerned that there ought to be no declaration of any kind of Palestinian state, provisional or otherwise, as long as Palestinians continue their reign of terror against innocent civilians. In a civilized world, supposedly, there should be no talk of rewarding terror with a state, provisional or otherwise.

When President Bush several months ago said to the world, you are either

with us or you are with the terrorists, that was very clear. Black and white, no shades of gray. And, if it applies to us, it should apply to Israel and every other nation on this Earth.

If we are justified, and we are, going halfway around the world to destroy the Taliban in Afghanistan because of terrorist attacks upon our Nation, and let me say as a New Yorker and as someone who works in Washington, no one feels the pain of those attacks more than I do, if we are going halfway around the world to root out terrorism in Afghanistan, then Israel should be allowed to do the same thing in her own backyard.

Mr. Arafat has shown that he is a terrorist, that he has never grown out of being a terrorist, that he always has been a terrorist, and he will continue to be a terrorist. Therefore, I think that this country should not talk with him, should not recognize him, should not discuss anything with him; and we ought to tell the Palestinians, come back and talk to us when you get some responsible leadership. Come back and talk to us when there are reforms in your leadership. Come back and talk to us when you have a leadership that does not use terror against innocent civilians as a negotiating tool.

This is something that cannot be tolerated. I do not want to hear about grievances on both sides or perceived hurts. It is never an excuse for terrorism against innocent civilians.

As to this notion put forward in some of the Palestinians corridors that if only Israel would withdraw, everything would be wonderful, there would not be a problem, and peace would reign supreme, the fact of the matter is that 21 months ago Israel agreed to withdraw. There was a plan that was being negotiated which would have given the Palestinians a state of their own, on 100 percent of Gaza and 97 percent of the West Bank, with billions of dollars of aid, a state of their own, the end of the occupation. Israel said yes, the United States said yes, the Palestinians said no. Yasser Arafat rejected it and walked away, did not come forth with a counterproposal, did not stay and negotiate a proposal that might be better for him. He said no, and unleashed the intifada, unleashed terrorism and unleashed violence. That ought not to be rewarded.

I would hope that we would make it very clear again that the time has come to say good-bye to Mr. Arafat. It is not a matter of whether he can control the terrorism, whether he wants to do so. He is the terrorist. Three-quarters of the terrorist attacks against Israel during the past 21 months have come from organizations that he controls. The al-Aksa Brigade, the al-Aksa so-called Martyr's Brigades, which our State Department has declared as a terrorist organization, is under Mr. Arafat's control. They have taken credit for the bombings. Tanzeen, 4/17, the Fata Umbrella Group. They have been responsible for three-quarters of the bombings.