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Remarks from the USS Abraham Lincoln
May 1, 2003
Draft #11

Sailors of the USS Abraham Lincoln, and my fellow Americans:
Major combat operations in Iraq have ended. Our coalition is now engaged in securing and reconstructing that country. In the Battle of Iraq, the United States and our allies have prevailed.

In this battle, we have fought for the cause of liberty, and for the peace of the world. Our Nation and our coalition are proud of this accomplishment – yet it is you, the members of the United States military, who achieved it. Your courage – facing danger for your country and for each other – made this day possible. Because of you, our Nation is more secure. Because of you, the tyrant has fallen, and Iraq is free.

Operation Iraqi Freedom was carried out with a combination of precision, speed, and boldness the enemy did not expect, and the world had not seen before. From distant bases or ships at sea, we sent planes and missiles that could destroy an enemy division, or strike a single bunker. Marines and soldiers charged to Baghdad across 350 miles of hostile ground, in one of the swiftest mass advances of heavy arms in history. You have shown the world the skill and might of the American Armed Forces.

This Nation thanks all the members of our coalition who joined in a noble cause. We thank the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom, Australia, and Poland, who shared in the hardships of war. We thank all the citizens of Iraq who welcomed our troops and joined in the liberation of their own country. And tonight, I have a special word for Secretary Rumsfeld, for General Franks, and for all the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States: America is grateful for a job well done.

The character of our military through history – the daring of Normandy, the fierce courage of Iwo Jima, the decency and idealism that turned enemies into allies – is fully present in this generation. When Iraqi civilians looked into the faces of our servicemen and women, they saw strength, and kindness, and good will. When I look at the members of the United States military, I see the best of our country, and I am honored to be your Commander in Chief.

In the images of falling statues, we have witnessed the arrival of a new era. For a hundred years of war, culminating in the nuclear age, military technology was designed and deployed to inflict casualties on an ever-growing scale. In defeating Nazi Germany and imperial Japan, Allied Forces destroyed entire cities, while enemy leaders who started the conflict were safe until the final days. Military power was used to end a regime by breaking a nation. Today, we have the greater power to free a nation by breaking a dangerous and aggressive regime. With new tactics and precision weapons, we can achieve military objectives without directing violence against civilians. No device of man can remove the tragedy from war. Yet it is a great moral advance when the guilty have far more to fear from war than the innocent.

In the images of celebrating Iraqis, we have also seen the ageless appeal of human freedom. Decades of lies and intimidation could not make the Iraqi people love their oppressors or desire their own enslavement. Men and women in every culture need liberty like they need food, and water, and air. Everywhere that freedom arrives, humanity rejoices. And everywhere that freedom stirs, let tyrants fear.

We have difficult work to do in Iraq. We are bringing order to parts of that country that remain dangerous. We are pursuing and finding leaders of the old regime, who will be held to account for their crimes. We have begun the search for hidden chemical and biological weapons, and already know of hundreds of sites that must be investigated. We are helping to rebuild Iraq, where the dictator built palaces for himself, instead of hospitals and schools for the people. And we will stand with the new leaders of Iraq as they establish a government of, by, and for the Iraqi people. The transition from dictatorship to democracy will take time, but it is worth every effort. Our coalition will stay until our work is done. Then we will leave – and we will leave behind a free Iraq.

The Battle of Iraq is one victory in a war on terror that began on September 11th, 2001, and still goes on. That terrible morning, 19 evil men – the shock troops of a hateful ideology – gave America and the civilized world a glimpse of their ambitions. They imagined, in the words of one terrorist, that September 11th would be the “beginning of the end of America.” By seeking to turn our cities into killing fields, terrorists and their

allies believed they could destroy this Nation's resolve, and force our retreat from the world. They have failed.

In the Battle of Afghanistan, we destroyed the Taliban, the terrorists, and the camps where terrorists trained. We continue to help the Afghan people lay roads, restore hospitals, and educate all of their children. Yet we also have dangerous work to complete. And as I speak, a special operations task force, led by the 82nd Airborne, is on the trail of terrorists, and those who seek to undermine the free government of Afghanistan.

From Pakistan to the Philippines to the Horn of Africa, we are hunting down al-Qaida killers. Nineteen months ago, I pledged that the terrorists would not escape the patient justice of the United States. As of tonight, nearly one-half of al-Qaida's senior operatives have been captured or killed.

The liberation of Iraq is a crucial advance in the campaign against terror. We have removed an ally of al-Qaida, and cut off a source of terrorist funding. And this much is certain: No terrorist network will gain weapons of mass destruction from the Iraqi regime, because that regime is no more.

In these 19 months that changed the world, our actions have been focused, and deliberate, and proportionate to the offense. We have not forgotten the victims of September 11th – the last phone calls, the cold murder of children, the searches in the rubble. With those attacks, the terrorists and their supporters declared war on the United States. And war is what they got.

Our war against terror is proceeding according to principles that I have made clear to all:

Any person involved in committing or planning terrorist attacks against the American people becomes an enemy of this country, and a target of American justice.

Any person, organization, or government that supports, protects, or harbors terrorists is complicit in the murder of the innocent, and equally guilty of terrorist crimes.

Any outlaw regime that has ties to terrorist groups, and seeks or possesses weapons of mass destruction, is a grave danger to the civilized world, and will be confronted.

And anyone in the world, including the Arab world, who works and sacrifices for freedom has a loyal friend in the United States.

Our commitment to liberty is America's tradition – declared at our founding ... affirmed in Franklin Roosevelt's Four Freedoms ... asserted in the Truman Doctrine, and in Ronald Reagan's challenge to an evil empire. We are committed to freedom in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and in a peaceful Palestine. The advance of freedom is the surest strategy to undermine the appeal of terror in the world. Where freedom takes hold, hatred gives way to hope. American values, and American interests, lead in the same direction: We stand for human liberty.

The United States upholds these principles of security and freedom in many ways – with all the tools of diplomacy, law enforcement, intelligence, and finance. We are working with a broad coalition of nations that understand the threat, and our shared responsibility to meet it. The use of force has been, and remains, our last resort. Yet all can know, friend and foe alike, that our Nation has a mission: We will answer threats to our security, and we will defend the peace.

This mission continues. Al-Qaida is wounded, not destroyed. The scattered cells of the terrorist network still operate in many nations, and we know from daily intelligence that they continue to plot against free people. The proliferation of deadly weapons remains a serious danger. The enemies of freedom are not idle, and neither are we. Our government has taken unprecedented measures to defend the homeland – and we will continue to hunt down the enemy before he can strike.

The war on terror is not over, yet it is not endless. We do not know the day of final victory, but we have seen the turning of the tide. No act of the terrorists will change our purpose, or weaken our resolve, or alter their fate. Their cause is lost. Free nations will press on to victory.

Other nations in history have fought in foreign lands and remained to occupy and exploit. Americans, following a battle, want nothing more than to return home. That is your direction tonight. After service in the Afghan

and Iraqi theatres of war – after 100 thousand miles, on the longest carrier deployment in recent history – you are homeward bound. Some of you will see new family members for the first time – 150 babies were born while their fathers were on the Lincoln. Your families are proud of you, and your Nation will welcome you.

We are mindful as well that some good men and women are not making the journey home. One of those who fell, Corporal Jason Mileo [mah-lee-OH], spoke to his parents five days before his death. Jason's father said, "He called us from the center of Baghdad, not to brag, but to tell us he loved us. Our son was a soldier." Every name, every life, is a loss to our military, to our Nation, and to loved ones who grieve. There is no homecoming for these families. Yet we pray, in God's time, their reunion will come.

Those we lost were last seen on duty. Their final act on this earth was to fight a great evil, and bring liberty to others. All of you – all in this generation of our military – have taken up the highest calling of history. You are defending your country, and protecting the innocent from harm. And wherever you go, you carry a message of hope – a message that is ancient, and ever new. In the words of the prophet Isaiah: "To the captives, 'Come out,' ... and to those in darkness, 'Be free.'"

Thank you for serving our country and our cause. God bless you all, and may God bless America.

*Drafted by: Mike Gerson, John McConnell, and Matthew Scully, Office of Speechwriting
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RADM JOHN KELLY
CAPT KENDALL CARD, CO
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The CAPT is faxing me the names and
addresses of the "Navy One" pilots

Remarks from the USS Abraham Lincoln
May 1, 2003
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responsibility to meet it.

The use of force has been, and remains,
our last resort. Yet all can know, friend and
foe alike, that our Nation has a mission:

We will answer threats to our security, and
we will defend the peace.

Our mission continues. / Al-Qaida is
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The enemies of freedom are not idle, and
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The war on terror is not over, yet it is not
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- Steve Houck [HOW-k], USA Freedom Corps Greeter, an employee of SalesForce.com – which encourages their employees to donate 1% of their working time to the community – Steve has completed more than 125 hours of company-supported volunteer service since joining the company in August of 2002.

Revised and
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— John

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Military power was used to end a regime by
breaking a nation. Today, we have the
greater power to free a nation by breaking a
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violence against civilians.

No device of man can remove the tragedy
from war. | Yet it is a great moral advance
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war than the innocent.

We have difficult work to do in Iraq. We
are bringing order to parts of that country
that remain dangerous. We are pursuing
and finding leaders of the old regime, who
will be held to account for their crimes. We
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and biological weapons, and already know
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destroyed the Taliban, ^{many} the terrorists, and
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The character of our military through history – the daring of Normandy, the fierce courage of Iwo Jima, the decency and idealism that turned enemies into allies – is fully present in this generation. When Iraqi civilians looked into the faces of our servicemen and women, they saw strength, and kindness, and good will. When I look at the members of the United States military, I see the best of our country, and I am honored to be your Commander in Chief.

In the images of falling statues, we have witnessed the arrival of a new era. For a hundred years of war, culminating in the nuclear age, military technology was designed and deployed to inflict casualties on an ever-growing scale. In defeating Nazi Germany and imperial Japan, Allied Forces destroyed entire cities, while enemy leaders who started the conflict were safe until the final days. Military power was used to end a regime by breaking a nation. Today, we have the greater power to free a nation by breaking a dangerous and aggressive regime. With new tactics and precision weapons, we can achieve military objectives without directing violence against civilians. No device of man can remove the tragedy from war. Yet it is a great advance when the guilty have far more to fear from war than the innocent.

In the images of celebrating Iraqis, we have also seen the ageless appeal of human freedom. Decades of lies and intimidation could not make the Iraqi people love their oppressors or desire their own enslavement. Men and women in every culture need liberty like they need food, and water, and air. Everywhere that freedom arrives, humanity rejoices. And everywhere that freedom stirs, let tyrants fear.

We have difficult work to do in Iraq. We are bringing order to parts of that country that remain dangerous. We are pursuing and finding leaders of the old regime, who will be held to account for their crimes. We have begun the search for hidden chemical and biological weapons, and already know of hundreds of sites that will be investigated. We are helping to rebuild Iraq, where the dictator built palaces for himself, instead of hospitals and schools for the people. And we will stand with the new leaders of Iraq as they establish a government of, by, and for the Iraqi people. The transition from dictatorship to democracy will take time, but it is worth every effort. Our coalition will stay until our work is done. Then we will leave – and we will leave behind a free Iraq.

The Battle of Iraq is one victory in a war on terror that began on September 11th, 2001, and still goes on. That terrible morning, 19 evil men – the shock troops of a hateful ideology – gave America and the civilized world a glimpse of their ambitions. They imagined, in the words of one terrorist, that September 11th would be the “beginning of the end of America.” By seeking to turn our cities into killing fields, terrorists and their

allies believed they could destroy this Nation's resolve, and force our retreat from the world. They have failed.

In the Battle of Afghanistan, we destroyed the Taliban, many terrorists, and the camps where they trained. We continue to help the Afghan people lay roads, restore hospitals, and educate all of their children. Yet we also have dangerous work to complete. And as I speak, a special operations task force, led by the 82nd Airborne, is on the trail of terrorists, and those who seek to undermine the free government of Afghanistan. America and our coalition will finish what we began.

From Pakistan to the Philippines to the Horn of Africa, we are hunting down al-Qaida killers. Nineteen months ago, I pledged that the terrorists would not escape the patient justice of the United States. As of tonight, nearly one-half of al-Qaida's senior operatives have been captured or killed.

The liberation of Iraq is a crucial advance in the campaign against terror. We have removed an ally of al-Qaida, and cut off a source of terrorist funding. And this much is certain: No terrorist network will gain weapons of mass destruction from the Iraqi regime, because that regime is no more.

In these 19 months that changed the world, our actions have been focused, and deliberate, and proportionate to the offense. We have not forgotten the victims of September 11th – the last phone calls, the cold murder of children, the searches in the rubble. With those attacks, the terrorists and their supporters declared war on the United States. And war is what they got.

Our war against terror is proceeding according to principles that I have made clear to all:

Any person involved in committing or planning terrorist attacks against the American people becomes an enemy of this country, and a target of American justice.

Any person, organization, or government that supports, protects, or harbors terrorists is complicit in the murder of the innocent, and equally guilty of terrorist crimes.

Any outlaw regime that has ties to terrorist groups, and seeks or possesses weapons of mass destruction, is a grave danger to the civilized world, and will be confronted.

And anyone in the world, including the Arab world, who works and sacrifices for freedom has a loyal friend in the United States.

Our commitment to liberty is America's tradition – declared at our founding ... affirmed in Franklin Roosevelt's Four Freedoms ... asserted in the Truman Doctrine, and in Ronald Reagan's challenge to an evil empire. We are committed to freedom in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and in a peaceful Palestine. The advance of freedom is the surest strategy to undermine the appeal of terror in the world. Where freedom takes hold, hatred gives way to hope. When freedom takes hold, men and women turn to the peaceful pursuit of a better life. American values, and American interests, lead in the same direction: We stand for human liberty.

The United States upholds these principles of security and freedom in many ways – with all the tools of diplomacy, law enforcement, intelligence, and finance. We are working with a broad coalition of nations that understand the threat, and our shared responsibility to meet it. The use of force has been, and remains, our last resort. Yet all can know, friend and foe alike, that our Nation has a mission: We will answer threats to our security, and we will defend the peace.

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Sailors of the USS Abraham Lincoln, and my fellow Americans:
✓ Major combat operations in Iraq have ended. Our coalition is now engaged
in securing and reconstructing that country. ✓ In the Battle of Iraq, the United
States and our allies have prevailed. ✓

✓ In this battle, we have fought for the cause of liberty, and for the
peace of the world. Our Nation and our coalition are proud of this
accomplishment – yet it is you, the members of the United States military,
who achieved it. Your courage – facing danger for your country and for
each other – made this day possible. Because of you, our Nation is more
secure. Because of you, the tyrant has fallen, and Iraq is free. ✓ 3

Operation Iraqi Freedom was carried out with a combination of
precision, speed, and boldness the enemy did not expect, and the world
had not seen before. From distant bases or ships at sea, we sent planes
and missiles that could destroy an enemy division, or strike a single bunker. ✓ 4
Marines and soldiers charged to Baghdad across 350 miles of hostile
ground, in one of the swiftest mass advances of heavy arms in history.
You have shown the world the skill and might of the American Armed
Forces. ✓ 5

✓ This Nation thanks all the members of our coalition who joined in a
noble cause. We thank the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom,
Australia, and Poland, who shared in the hardships of war. We thank all
the citizens of Iraq who welcomed our troops and joined in the liberation of
their own country. ✓ 6 And tonight, I have a special word for Secretary
Rumsfeld, for General Franks, and for all the men and women who wear
the uniform of the United States: ✓ America is grateful for a job well done. ✓ 7

✓ The character of our military through history – the daring of
Normandy, the fierce courage of Iwo Jima, the decency and idealism that
turned enemies into allies – is fully present in this generation. ✓ 8 When Iraqi
civilians looked into the faces of our servicemen and women, they saw
strength, and kindness, and good will. When I look at the members of the
United States military, I see the best of our country, and I am honored to be
✓ your Commander in Chief. ✓ 9

✓ In the images of falling statues, we have witnessed the arrival of a new era. For a hundred years of war, culminating in the nuclear age, military technology was designed and deployed to inflict casualties on an ever-growing scale. In defeating Nazi Germany and imperial Japan, Allied Forces destroyed entire cities, while enemy leaders who started the conflict were safe until the final days. ¹⁰ Military power was used to end a regime by breaking a nation. Today, we have the greater power to free a nation by breaking a dangerous and aggressive regime. With new tactics and precision weapons, we can achieve military objectives without directing violence against civilians. ¹¹ No device of man can remove the tragedy from war. Yet it is a great moral advance when the guilty have far more to fear from war than the innocent. ¹²

✓ In the images of celebrating Iraqis, we have also seen the ageless appeal of human freedom. Decades of lies and intimidation could not make the Iraqi people love their oppressors or desire their own enslavement. ¹³ Men and women in every culture need liberty like they need food, and water, and air. Everywhere that freedom arrives, humanity rejoices. And everywhere that freedom stirs, let tyrants fear. ¹⁴

✓ We have difficult work to do in Iraq. We are bringing order to parts of that country that remain dangerous. We are pursuing and finding leaders of the old regime, who will be held to account for their crimes. We have begun the search for hidden chemical and biological weapons, and already know of hundreds of sites that must be investigated. ¹⁵ We are helping to rebuild Iraq, where the dictator built palaces for himself, instead of hospitals and schools for the people. And we will stand with the new leaders of Iraq as they establish a government of, by, and for the Iraqi people. ¹⁶ The transition from dictatorship to democracy will take time, but it is worth every effort. Our coalition will stay until our work is done. Then we will leave – and we will leave behind a free Iraq. ¹⁷

The Battle of Iraq is one victory in a war on terror that began on September 11th, 2001, and still goes on. That terrible morning, 19 evil men – the shock troops of a hateful ideology – gave America and the civilized world a glimpse of their ambitions. ¹⁸ They imagined, in the words of one terrorist, that September 11th would be the “beginning of the end of America.” By seeking to turn our cities into killing fields, terrorists and their

allies believed they could destroy this Nation's resolve, and force our retreat from the world. They have failed. 19

In the Battle of Afghanistan, we destroyed the Taliban, the terrorists, and the camps where terrorists trained. 20 We continue to help the Afghan people lay roads, restore hospitals, and educate all of their children. Yet we also have dangerous work to complete. And as I speak, a special operations task force, led by the 82nd Airborne, is on the trail of terrorists and those who seek to undermine the free government of Afghanistan. 21

✓ From Pakistan to the Philippines to the Horn of Africa, we are hunting down al-Qaida killers. Nineteen months ago, I pledged that the terrorists would not escape the patient justice of the United States. As of tonight, nearly one-half of al-Qaida's senior operatives have been captured or killed. 22

✓ The liberation of Iraq is a crucial advance in the campaign against terror. We have removed an ally of al-Qaida, and cut off a source of terrorist funding. And this much is certain: No terrorist network will gain weapons of mass destruction from the Iraqi regime, because that regime is no more. 23

In these 19 months that changed the world, our actions have been focused, and deliberate, and proportionate to the offense. We have not forgotten the victims of September 11th – the last phone calls, the cold murder of children, the searches in the rubble. With those attacks, the terrorists and their supporters declared war on the United States. And war is what they got. 24

Our war against terror is proceeding according to principles that I have made clear to all:

Any person involved in committing or planning terrorist attacks against the American people becomes an enemy of this country, and a target of American justice. 25

Any person, organization, or government that supports, protects, or harbors terrorists is complicit in the murder of the innocent, and equally guilty of terrorist crimes. 26

Any outlaw regime that has ties to terrorist groups, and seeks or possesses weapons of mass destruction, is a grave danger to the civilized world, and will be confronted. (27)

And anyone in the world, including the Arab world, who works and sacrifices for freedom has a loyal friend in the United States. /27

✓ f Our commitment to liberty is America's tradition – declared at our founding ... affirmed in Franklin Roosevelt's Four Freedoms ... asserted in the Truman Doctrine, and in Ronald Reagan's challenge to an evil empire. /28
We are committed to freedom in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and in a peaceful Palestine. The advance of freedom is the surest strategy to undermine the appeal of terror in the world. Where freedom takes hold, hatred gives way to hope. American values, and American interests, lead in the same direction: We stand for human liberty. (30)

✓ The United States upholds these principles of security and freedom in many ways – with all the tools of diplomacy, law enforcement, intelligence, and finance. We are working with a broad coalition of nations that understand the threat, and our shared responsibility to meet it. (31) The use of force has been, and remains, our last resort. Yet all can know, friend and foe alike, that our Nation has a mission: We will answer threats to our security, and we will defend the peace. (32)

✓ This mission continues. Al-Qaida is wounded, not destroyed. The scattered cells of the terrorist network still operate in many nations, and we know from daily intelligence that they continue to plot against free people. The proliferation of deadly weapons remains a serious danger. (33) The enemies of freedom are not idle, and neither are we. Our government has taken unprecedented measures to defend the homeland – and we will continue to hunt down the enemy before he can strike. (34)

The war on terror is not over, yet it is not endless. We do not know the day of final victory, but we have seen the turning of the tide. No act of the terrorists will change our purpose, or weaken our resolve, or alter their fate. Their cause is lost. Free nations will press on to victory. /35

Other nations in history have fought in foreign lands and remained to occupy and exploit. Americans, following a battle, want nothing more than to return home. That is your direction tonight. After service in the Afghan

and Iraqi theatres of war – after ¹⁰⁰~~118~~ thousand miles, on the longest carrier deployment in recent history – you are homeward bound. Some of you will see new family members for the first time – 150 babies were born while their fathers were on the Lincoln. Your families are proud of you, and ~~your~~ Nation will welcome you. 37

We are mindful as well that some good men and women are not making the journey home. One of those who fell, Corporal Jason Mileo, [mah lee oh] spoke to his parents five days before his death. Jason's father said, "He called us from the center of Baghdad, not to brag, but to tell us he loved us. Our son was a soldier." 38 Every name, every life, is a loss to our military, to our Nation, and to loved ones who grieve. There is no homecoming for these families. Yet we pray, in God's time, their reunion will come. 39

Those we lost were last seen on duty. Their final act on this earth was to fight a great evil, and bring liberty to others. All of you – all in this generation of our military – have taken up the highest calling of history. You are defending your country, and protecting the innocent from harm. 40 And wherever you go, you carry a message of hope – a message that is ancient, and ever new. In the words of the prophet Isaiah: "To the captives, 'Come out,' ... and to those in darkness, 'Be free.'"

Thank you for serving our country and our cause. God bless you all, and may God bless America. 41

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