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THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

10/7/01

On my orders, a little more than an hour ago, the United States military began strikes against al Qaeda terrorist training camps and military installations of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

THE PRESIDENT

These carefully targeted actions are designed to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a terrorist base of operations – and to attack the military capability of the Taliban regime. We are joined in this operation by our staunch friend Great Britain.

THE PRESIDENT

Other close friends, including Canada, Australia, Germany and France, have pledged forces as the operation unfolds. More than 40 countries in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and across Asia have granted air transit or landing rights.

THE PRESIDENT

Many more have shared intelligence.

We are supported by the collective
will of the world.

THE PRESIDENT

More than two weeks ago, I gave Taliban leaders a series of clear and specific demands – close terrorist training camps... hand over leaders of the al Qaeda network... and return all foreign nationals, including American citizens, unjustly detained in your country.

THE PRESIDENT

None of these demands were met.
And now the Taliban will pay a price.

By destroying camps and
disrupting communications, we will
make it more difficult for the terror
network to train new recruits and
coordinate their evil plans.

THE PRESIDENT

Initially, the terrorists may burrow deeper into caves and other entrenched hiding places.

Our military action is also designed to clear the way for sustained, comprehensive, and relentless operations to drive them out, and bring them to justice.

THE PRESIDENT

At the same time, the oppressed people of Afghanistan will know the generosity of America and our allies. As we strike military targets, we will also drop food, medicine and supplies to the starving and suffering men, women and children of Afghanistan.

THE PRESIDENT

The United States of America is a friend to the Afghan people, and we are the friends of almost a billion people worldwide who practice the Islamic faith.

THE PRESIDENT

The United States of America is an enemy of those who aid terrorists – and of the barbaric criminals who profane a great religion by committing murder in its name.

THE PRESIDENT

This military action is a part of our campaign against terrorism – another front in a war that has already been joined through diplomacy, intelligence, the freezing of financial assets and the arrests of known terrorists by law enforcement agents in 38 countries.

THE PRESIDENT

Given the nature and reach of our enemies, we will win this conflict by the patient accumulation of successes – by meeting a series of challenges with determination and will and purpose.

THE PRESIDENT

Today we focus on Afghanistan, but the battle is broader. Every nation has a choice to make. Already Russia, China, and countries on all continents have chosen to stand firm against terror. In this conflict, there is no neutral ground.

THE PRESIDENT

If any government sponsors the outlaws and killers of innocents, they have become outlaws and murderers themselves. And they will take that lonely path at their own peril.

THE PRESIDENT

I am speaking to you today from the Treaty Room of the White House – a place where American Presidents have worked for peace. We are a peaceful nation. Yet, as we have learned so suddenly and so tragically, there can be no peace in a world of sudden terror.

THE PRESIDENT

In the face of today's new threat, the only way to pursue peace is to pursue those who threaten it. We did not ask for this mission, but we will fulfill it – as Americans have always done our duty to God, and to history, and to one another.

THE PRESIDENT

The name of today's military operation is "Enduring Freedom." We defend, not only our precious freedoms, but also the freedom of people everywhere to live and raise their children free from fear.

THE PRESIDENT

I know many Americans feel fear today – and our government is taking strong precautions. Our law enforcement and intelligence agencies are working aggressively – around America, around the world, and around the clock.

THE PRESIDENT

At my request, many Governors have activated the National Guard to strengthen airport security. We have called up reserves to reinforce our military capability and strengthen the protection of our homeland.

In the months ahead, our patience will be one of our strengths.

THE PRESIDENT

Patience with the long waits that will result from tighter security. Patience in understanding that it will take time to achieve our goals. Patience in all the sacrifices that may come.

THE PRESIDENT

Today, those sacrifices are being made by members of our armed forces – who now defend us, so far from home – and by their proud and worried families.

THE PRESIDENT

A commander-in-chief sends
America's sons and daughters into
battle in a foreign land only after the
greatest of care and prayer.

THE PRESIDENT

We ask a lot of those who wear our uniform – we ask them to leave their loved ones, to travel great distances, to risk injury – even to be prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice of their lives.

THE PRESIDENT

They are dedicated; they are
honorable; they represent the best of
our country – and we are grateful.

THE PRESIDENT

To all the men and women in our military – every sailor, every soldier, every airman, every Coastguardsman, every Marine – I say: Your mission is defined... your objectives are clear... your goal is just.

THE PRESIDENT

You have my full confidence, and
you will have every tool you need to
carry out your duty.

THE PRESIDENT

I recently received a touching letter that says a lot about the state of America in these difficult times – a letter from a fourth grade girl, with a father in the military. “As much as I don’t want my Dad to fight,” she wrote, “I am willing to give him to you.”

THE PRESIDENT

This is a precious gift – the greatest she could give. This young girl knows what America is all about. Since September 11, an entire generation of young Americans has gained new understanding of the value of freedom, and its cost in duty and sacrifice.

THE PRESIDENT

The battle is now joined on many fronts. We will not waver, we will not tire, we will not falter – and we will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail.

Thank you, and God Bless America.

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