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Remarks to FEMA Employees
October 1, 2001
Draft #7

- I've known Joe Allbaugh for many years – and America is now seeing what I have always seen: Joe is a great friend to have in a crisis. He inspires confidence in others. He is calm and steady. He is a man of tremendous character and competence.

I am proud of the job he has done, and
I am proud he is my friend.

- All of you in this agency have served
our country in an extraordinary way.
You were on the job within an hour of
the terrorist attacks.

You've been working around the clock
ever since – with donated meals and
too little sleep – to bring needed help
to your fellow Americans. On behalf of
America, I thank you.

- When I traveled to New York City 17 days ago, I visited with FEMA workers who had come from all over the country – from Sacramento, California to Puerto Rico. I know the challenges you have faced. During the last three weeks you have seen things no human being should have to see: destruction, death, and grief on a massive scale.

Joe said: "It is something I hope I never go through again as long as I live." Yet I am glad that Joe and all of you were here for America at this moment.

- In the midst of it all, you are continuing to do your job – searching for victims, clearing debris, and consoling relatives and friends.

Almost 3,600 workers from FEMA and other federal agencies are doing the “dirty boots” work on the ground, and the equally vital coordinating work in the Operations Center and at field offices in New York and Virginia. This is important work – and I imagine it is also deeply rewarding work. A life serving others is a life of purpose.

- You are usually called to respond to hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes. In this case, you were forced to respond to deliberate human cruelty. In opposing this evil you are not just doing good work, you have become part of a great cause. And make no mistake: we will prevail against the enemies of freedom.

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- All of you in this agency have served our country in an extraordinary way. You were on the job within an hour of the terrorist attacks. You've been working around the clock ever since – with donated meals and too little sleep – to bring needed help to your fellow Americans. On behalf of America, I thank you.
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- In the midst of it all, you are continuing to do your job – searching for victims, clearing debris, and consoling relatives and friends. Almost 3,600 workers from FEMA and other federal agencies are doing the "dirty boots"¹ work on the ground, and the equally vital coordinating work in the Operations Center and at field offices in New York and Virginia. This is important work – and I imagine it is also deeply rewarding work. A life serving others is a life of purpose.
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¹ Colloquial FEMA term for workers at rescue and recovery zones.

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THE PRESIDENT

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ever since – with donated meals and
too little sleep – to bring needed help
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THE PRESIDENT

Remarks to FEMA Employees
October 1, 2001
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