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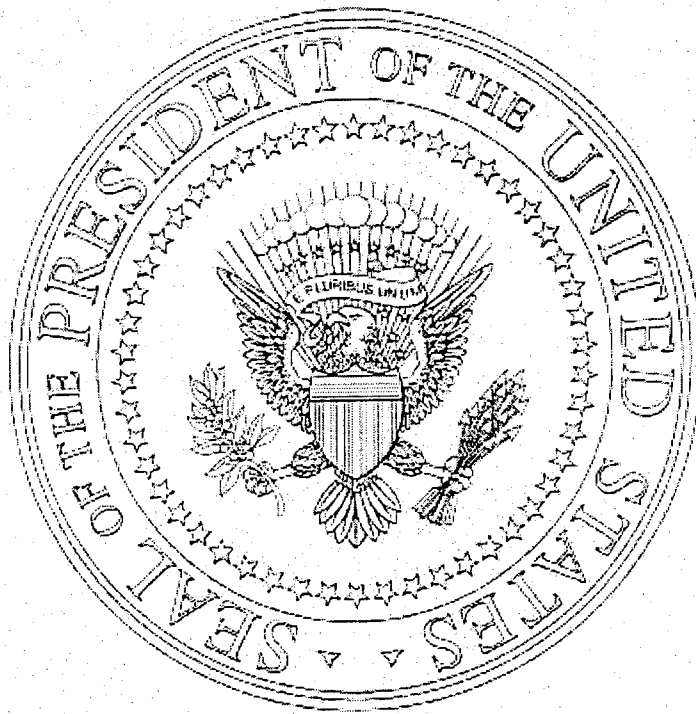
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**THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT
TO
ISLAMIC CENTER OF WASHINGTON, DC**

SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

OFFICIAL DOCUMENT

**EVENT SUMMARY OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

Washington, DC:

2:40 pm – **EVENT: Meeting at Islamic Center of Washington, DC**
3:00 pm

LOCATION:

Islamic Center of Washington, DC
2551 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC

3:05 pm – **EVENT: Remarks and Brief Tour of Islamic Center of Washington, DC**
3:15 pm

LOCATION:

Islamic Center of Washington, DC
2551 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

IN

WASHINGTON, DC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Please board Vehicles on South Grounds Driveway no later than 2:00 pm for transport to Islamic Center of Washington, DC.

Note: Shoes must be removed prior to entering Mosque. Women must wear long skirts or pants in order to be permitted inside Mosque. Veils will be provided by the Islamic Center of Washington, DC.

2:20 pm

THE PRESIDENT boards Vehicle and departs The White House en route Islamic Center of Washington, DC

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(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

2:35 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Islamic Center of Washington, DC and proceeds to Library.

Met by:

Dr. Abdullah Khouj
Chief Imam, Islamic Center of Washington, DC

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Due to space and time limitations, staff not participating in meeting or tour, please remain near or in vehicles.

EVENT: MEETING AT ISLAMIC CENTER OF WASHINGTON, DC

CLOSED PRESS
INDOORS
14 PARTICIPANTS
ATTIRE: SUIT

2:40 pm THE PRESIDENT begins participation in Meeting.

Note: The following Muslim leaders will attend Meeting:

- Khaled Saffuri, Islamic Institute
- Azizah AlHibri, Muslim Women Lawyers
- Jamal Barzinji, American Muslim Council
- Nehad Hammad, Council on American Islamic Relations
- Jamshaid Uppal, Muslim Alliance
- Abdulwahab Alkebsi, Islamic Institute
- Yahyah Hendi, Georgetown University
- Hassan Ibrahim, Muslim Public Affairs Committee
- Abdullah Khouj, Imam, Islamic Center of Washington, DC
- Yusuf Saleem, Muslim American Society.

3:00 pm THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Meeting and proceeds to Mosque.

EVENT: REMARKS AND BRIEF TOUR OF ISLAMIC CENTER OF WASHINGTON, DC

PRESS POOL
INDOORS
BRIEF REMARKS
15 ATTENDEES
ATTIRE: SUIT

3:05 pm THE PRESIDENT begins participation in Remarks.

Note: THE PRESIDENT will proceed directly to lectern without introduction. Yusuf Saleem, Imam of the Muslim American Society will remark following THE PRESIDENT.

Note: Upon conclusion of Brief Remarks, THE PRESIDENT will be given very brief tour of Mosque by Dr. Abdullah Khouj, Chief Imam, Islamic Center of Washington, DC.

3:15 pm THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Tour and proceeds to Vehicles.

3:25 pm THE PRESIDENT boards Vehicle and departs Islamic Center of Washington, DC en route The White House.

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(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

3:40 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House.

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IN
WASHINGTON, DC

Monday, September 17, 2001

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Meeting at Islamic Center of Washington, DC
Remarks and Brief Tour of Islamic Center of Washington, DC

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 17, 2001

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO EMPLOYEES AT THE PENTAGON

The Pentagon

11:45 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: First, let me start off by saying to members of the Pentagon press -- the Secretary told me about how you conducted your business on that fateful day. I want to congratulate you and thank you. Many of your members of the Pentagon press went out to help in the evacuation and the aide of the people who work here in the Pentagon and the country appreciates that very much. Thank you. Pass the word onto your colleagues, as well.

Today, we're talking about the mobilization of Reserve and Guard troops. Such a mobilization is a strong symbol of this nation's resolve. And I want to thank the Secretary and David and members of our team for giving me a complete and full briefing.

I fully understand that a mobilization affects the lives of thousands of Americans. I mean, after all, we're talking about somebody's mom or somebody's dad, somebody's employee, somebody's friend or somebody's neighbor. But the world will see that the strength of this nation is found in the character and dedication and courage of everyday citizens.

We are -- last week I proclaimed a national emergency and authorized the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of

Transportation to call up the Ready Reserve Units of the Armed Forces and the Coast Guard to active duty.

We are in the process of calling up as many as 35,000 such troops. They will serve in a number of essential roles. They will help maintain our air defenses so they can stay on high alert. They will check shipping in ports. They will help our military with airlift and logistics. They will provide military police. They will participate in engineering projects. They will help gather intelligence. And they will perform work as chaplains.

I know this means a lot of sacrifice for those who will be called up, and their families. But you understand -- the troops who will be called up understand better than most that freedom has a cost, and that we're willing to bear that cost. An act of war has been committed on this country, and the dedication of our Guardsmen and Reservists will serve not only as a strong symbol to all that we're prepared to take the necessary actions, but will be a part of helping define the spirit and courage of America. And I'm grateful.

I want to thank the employers who understand that there is more to corporate life than just profit and loss, that the employee who is getting ready to serve the country is an essential part of winning the -- of defeating terrorism, evil-doers so emboldened that they feel like they could attack the great bastion of freedom.

Before I answer a few questions, I also want to wish the American Jewish community and Jews around the world a healthy and happy new year. As the high holy days begin, I know you'll find strength and determination during this time of reflection.

I'll be glad to answer a few questions. Ron.

Q Mr. President, does the cost of freedom today in this war we're about to wage include the loss of civilian and military casualties? And can you keep us out of a depression/recession, during this crisis?

THE PRESIDENT: The only thing I can do is to reflect upon the spirit of the U.S. military, and the U.S. military is ready to defend freedom at any cost. The men and women who wear our uniforms, both active duty and reservists and National Guard people are ready to respond to the call of the Commander-in-Chief and the Secretary of Defense. There's no question in my mind that the resolve of our military has never been stronger. And we will win the war, and there will be costs. But the military folks understand that, and so do I, and so does the Secretary of Defense.

In terms of our economy, I've got great faith in the economy. I understand it's tough right now. Transportation

business is hurting. Obviously, the market was correcting prior to this crisis. But the underpinnings for economic growth are there. We're the greatest entrepreneurial society in the world. We've got the best farmers and ranchers. We've got a strong manufacturing base.

But there's a challenge ahead of us, and I'm confident that our business community will rise to the challenge. Secondly, I'm confident we can work with Congress to come up with an economic stimulus package, if need be, that will send a clear signal to the risk-takers and capital formatters of our country that the government's going to act, too.

Thirdly, we've got a tax cut that's still working its way through the economy, as well as a reconstruction plan for New York and the area. After all, the Congress, in a bipartisan fashion, overwhelmingly passed a supplemental of billions of dollars which will help not only get New York City up and running again, but will help provide some economic stimulus.

Q Mr. President, in the airline industry, in particular, is in trouble, and looking for some relief. I know that Secretary Mineta was supposed to meet with representatives from the industry this week. As you look down the road does he think and expect some --

THE PRESIDENT: Stretch, I think these are the kinds of subjects that we will talk with the Secretary of Transportation, with the airline industry and, as importantly, with members of Congress. Congress must be involved with -- obviously, with these deliberations. And I look forward to -- I've already encouraged my administration to reach out to members of Congress. And we will continue doing so.

Q Mr. President, the Taliban apparently has refused to hand over Osama bin Laden to the Pakistanis. Does this mean that the U.S. will be prepared to move militarily?

THE PRESIDENT: Patsy, I want to make it clear to the American people that this administration will not talk about any plans we may or may not have. We will not jeopardize in any way, shape or form, anybody who wears the uniform of the United States.

All I can tell you is that Osama bin Laden is a prime suspect, and the people who house him, encourage him, provide food, comfort or money are on notice. Last Tuesday -- last week, I spoke clearly about our nation's policy. And that is, we're going to find those who -- those evil-doers, those barbaric people who attacked our country and we're going to hold them accountable, and we're going to hold the people who house them accountable; the people who think they can provide them safe havens will be held accountable; the people who feed them will be held accountable.

And the Taliban must take my statement seriously.

Yes, ma'am.

Q Mr. President, is it the case, based on what you've said now, that war is inevitable, and can you tell me the American people what that war is going to look like?

THE PRESIDENT: I believe, I know that an act of war was declared against America. But this will be a different type of war than we're used to. This is -- in the past there have been beaches to storm and islands to conquer. We've been able to watch on our television screens sophisticated weaponry find a building; and we've seen dramatic reports from the front where Pulitzer Prize-to-be winning reporters stood up and declared, the United States is attacked, and all that.

There may be some of that, who knows. But I know that this is a different type of enemy than we're used to. It's an enemy that likes to hide and burrow in, and their network is extensive. There are no rules. It's barbaric behavior. They slit throats of women on airplanes in order to achieve an objective that is beyond comprehension. And they like to hit, and then they like to hide out.

But we're going to smoke them out. And we're adjusting our thinking to the new type of enemy. These are terrorists who have no borders. And, by the way, it's important for the world to understand that we know in America that more than just Americans suffered loss of life in the World Trade Center. People from all kinds of nationalities lost -- that's why the world is rallying to our call to defeat terrorism.

Many world leaders understand that that could have easily -- that the attack could have as easily happened on their land. And they also understand that this enemy knows no border. But they know what I know, that when we start putting the heat on those who house them, they will get them running. And once we get them running we have got a good chance of getting them. And that's exactly what our intent is.

The focus right now is on Osama bin Laden, no question about it. He's the prime suspect, and his organization. But there are other terrorists in the world. There are people who hate freedom. This is a fight for freedom. This is a fight to say to the freedom-loving people of the world: we will not allow ourselves to be terrorized by somebody who thinks they can hit and hide in some cave somewhere.

It's going to require a new thought process. And I'm proud to report our military, led by the Secretary of Defense, understands that; understands it's a new type of war, it's going to take a long time to win this war. The American people are

going to have to be more patient than ever with the efforts of -- our combined efforts, not just ourselves, but the efforts of our allies, to get them running and find them and to hunt them down.

But as the Vice President said, you know, Osama bin Laden is just one person. He is representative of networks of people who absolutely have made their cause to defeat the freedoms that we take -- that we understand. And we will not allow them to do so.

Q Do you want bin Laden dead?

THE PRESIDENT: I want justice. There's an old poster out west, as I recall, that said, "Wanted: Dead or Alive."

Q Do you see this being long-term? You were saying it's long-term, do you see an end, at all?

THE PRESIDENT: I think that this is a long-term battle, war. There will be battles. But this is long-term. After all, our mission is not just Osama bin Laden, the al Qaeda organization. Our mission is to battle terrorism and to join with freedom loving people.

We are putting together a coalition that is a coalition dedicated to declaring to the world we will do what it takes to find the terrorists, to rout them out and to hold them accountable. And the United States is proud to lead the coalition.

Q Are you saying you want him dead or alive, sir? Can I interpret --

THE PRESIDENT: I just remember, all I'm doing is remembering when I was a kid I remember that they used to put out there in the old west, a wanted poster. It said: "Wanted, Dead or Alive." All I want and America wants him brought to justice. That's what we want.

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12:00 P.M. EDT

Rachael L. Sunbarger

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WASHINGTON

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 17, 2001

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

Amir of Qatar to Visit Washington

President Bush will welcome Amir Shaikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani to Washington for a working visit on October 4. The United States and Qatar share a broad range of common interests in the Middle East. The President looks forward to discussing bilateral and regional issues with the Amir, including efforts to deepen our bilateral cooperation to promote peace and stability in the Middle East.

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Office of the Press Secretary

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September 17, 2001

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT ISLAMIC CENTER OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

Washington, D.C.

3:12 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much for your hospitality. We've just had a -- wide-ranging discussions on the matter at hand. Like the good folks standing with me, the American people were appalled and outraged at last Tuesday's attacks. And so were Muslims all across the world. Both Americans and Muslim friends and citizens, tax-paying citizens, and Muslims in nations were just appalled and could not believe what we saw on our TV screens.

These acts of violence against innocents violate the fundamental tenets of the Islamic faith. And it's important for my fellow Americans to understand that.

The English translation is not as eloquent as the original Arabic, but let me quote from the Koran, itself: In the long run, evil in the extreme will be the end of those who do evil. For that they rejected the signs of Allah and held them up to ridicule.

The face of terror is not the true faith of Islam. That's not what Islam is all about. Islam is peace. These terrorists don't represent peace. They represent evil and war.

When we think of Islam we think of a faith that brings

comfort to a billion people around the world. Billions of people find comfort and solace and peace. And that's made brothers and sisters out of every race -- out of every race.

America counts millions of Muslims amongst our citizens, and Muslims make an incredibly valuable contribution to our country. Muslims are doctors, lawyers, law professors, members of the military, entrepreneurs, shopkeepers, moms and dads. And they need to be treated with respect. In our anger and emotion, our fellow Americans must treat each other with respect.

Women who cover their heads in this country must feel comfortable going outside their homes. Moms who wear cover must be not intimidated in America. That's not the America I know. That's not the America I value.

I've been told that some fear to leave; some don't want to go shopping for their families; some don't want to go about their ordinary daily routines because, by wearing cover, they're afraid they'll be intimidated. That should not and that will not stand in America.

Those who feel like they can intimidate our fellow citizens to take out their anger don't represent the best of America, they represent the worst of humankind, and they should be ashamed of that kind of behavior.

This is a great country. It's a great country because we share the same values of respect and dignity and human worth. And it is my honor to be meeting with leaders who feel just the same way I do. They're outraged, they're sad. They love America just as much as I do.

I want to thank you all for giving me a chance to come by. And may God bless us all.

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3:19 P.M. EDT

Rachael L. Sunbarger

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Subject: MRS. BUSH POOL REPORT 9-17-01 #1

Preliminary pool report from Laura Bush's visit to memorial service in Pennsylvania.

The service was held at the Indian Lake Resort in Stonycreek Township, Pa., a bucolic setting with fields and lakes. The pool was kept at a great distance - and not allowed into the service, at least not when your pooler called to give a verbal account beforehand - but they were able to see Mrs. Bush shake hands with some of the 300 family members and friends attending the service. She was accompanied by Governor and Mrs. Ridge (R-PA). They also greeted two rows of firefighters, some wearing black arm bands. Mrs. Bush could be heard only saying "Thank you for being here" and "Thank you all for coming."

Full pool report coming from Susan Milligan later.

Anne Kornblut
The Boston Globe

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Rachael L. Sunbarger

09/17/2001 04:50 PM

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Subject: POOL REPORT 9-17-01 #2

Pool report #2 -- 9/17

Trip to Islamic Center of Washington, D.C.

POTUS traveled to the Islamic Center of Washington, D.C., on Massachusetts Ave., today where he spent nearly an hour on a tour and speaking with Muslim community leaders. He then delivered remarks (transcript on the way), during which he said "the American people were appalled and outraged at last Tuesday's attacks, and so were Muslims all around the world." POTUS quoted from the Koran at one point. He said also that "the face of terror is not the true face of Islam. That's not what Islam is all about. Islam is peace."

POTUS took no questions. Rest of pool report is mostly details and color...

Motorcade departed at 2:25 and was uneventful, arriving at the Islamic Center at 2:32. Your pool was instructed to remove their shoes. Gordon had instructed the pool earlier in the day to make sure socks did not have any holes for the visit. The women in the pool were given veils and asked to put them on before entering the building. Outside the entrance were four small bouquets of flowers. A handwritten note attached to one read: "We know that terrorism is not the way of Islam. And we realize, in the words of the holy Koran, 'In God We Trust.'" It was signed anonymously by "Two American Christians."

Upon arriving, POTUS left immediately for a private tour of the center, which was led by Dr. Abdullah Khouj, who is Chief Imam at the Islamic Center. The tour lasted 50 minutes, 15 minutes longer than scheduled. Your pool meanwhile set up shop in the main prayer room, a beautiful space with a dome, a large chandelier, and walls covered with decorated porcelain tiles. Several signs on the wall noted that the tiles were made at a porcelain factory in Turkey. A podium was set up for POTUS in the middle of the room, below the chandelier. POTUS walked into the building's main entrance at 3:20, flanked by about a dozen Muslim community leaders. Reed said the group included lawyers, professors, directors of boards and others. POTUS appeared both stern and somber when he insisted that Muslim Americans "need to be treated with respect." POTUS was wearing a dark gray suit and was wearing navy blue socks, no shoes. Following POTUS to the podium was Imam Yusuf Saleem of the Muslim American Society, who expressed condolences for the families of Tuesday's victims and also said that Muslim Americans "are part of the fabric of America." WH staff, security, and your pool made up the only audience.

After the remarks, POTUS lingered for a few minutes, speaking with the Muslim leaders. Your pool was quickly ushered out at this point. But it appeared that POTUS was in awe of the building, because he was pointing up to the dome while he was speaking with his hosts, and as your pool being whisked out to the press vans. POTUS came outside about 5 minutes later, and the motorcade sped off at 3:32. It was an uneventful ride, the highlight of which was two women with American flag bandanas wrapped around their heads. As POTUS' limo past, one of the women stood still and upright, and saluted.

The motorcade arrived back at 3:41.

One note from earlier pool report: White House reports that group of 50 reservists lined up in the hall of the Pentagon (though it appeared to your pool to be closer to 75-100) was composed of 5 members of the Maryland National Guard and 4 members of the Virginia National Guard; the rest were reservists based in Washington.

David Greene
Baltimore Sun

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 17, 2001

Rosh Hashanah, 5762

I am pleased to send warm greetings to Jews in the United States, Israel, and other nations around the world as you observe Rosh Hashanah. This year's observance comes in the wake of great tragedy and at a time of national mourning and recovery.

Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of a New Year within the Jewish community, and it is a time for personal reflection. As you prepare for Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, may this solemn period bring forth a deeper devotion to your faith's noble ideals. During this time of renewal and recovery, may countless others join in praying for peace and for the growth of religious tolerance around the world.

Rosh Hashanah celebrates Judaism's remarkable heritage, and it is a reaffirmation of God's mercy, glory, and love. As you look ahead to the coming year, I join with other Americans of diverse backgrounds and beliefs in receiving inspiration from your faith, your holy acts of repentance, and your loving kindness. May this year's celebration bless all who participate as we heal from the wounds inflicted by the recent terrorist attacks.

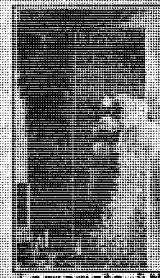
Laura joins me in sending best wishes for a blessed Rosh Hashanah.

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U.S. President George W. Bush meets with economic advisors in the Oval Office of the White House, September 17, 2001. From right, Vice President Chief of Staff Lewis Libby, National Economic Council Director Lawrence Lindsey and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors Glenn Hubbard. Bush said September 17, 2001 he wanted Osama bin Laden "dead or alive" for last week's attacks that left more than 5,000 people dead or missing while a jittery Wall Street reopened with the Dow Jones average suffering its largest point loss ever. REUTERS/WHITE HOUSE/Erin Draper

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President George W. Bush (C) meets with staff to discuss the airline industry in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, September 17, 2001. From left, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, President Bush, Deputy Chief of Staff Josh Bolten, and White House Counsel Al Gonzalez. U.S. President George W. Bush said September 17, 2001 he wanted Osama bin Laden "dead or alive" for last week's attacks that left more than 5,000 people dead or missing while a jittery Wall Street reopened with the Dow Jones average suffering its largest point loss ever. REUTERS/WHITE HOUSE/Eric Draper

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President George W. Bush expresses his support for the Muslim community in America in light of attacks on Arab-Americans and Muslims following last week's terror attacks, during a visit to the Islamic Center of Washington, September 17, 2001. With Bush are Yusuf Saleem, of the Muslim American Society, far left, and Azizah Alhebry, professor of Law (2nd,L). (Win McNamee/Reuters)

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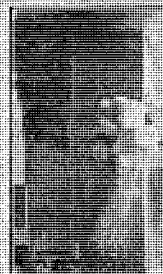
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President George W. Bush expresses his support for the Muslim community in America in light of attacks on Arab-Americans and Muslims following last week's terror attacks, during a visit to the Islamic Center of Washington, September 17, 2001. Bush said that American Muslims must be treated with respect, saying 'the face of terror is not the true faith of Islam. (Win McNamee/Reuters)

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President George W. Bush said the United States wants suspected Islamic militant Osama bin Laden 'dead or alive' during a briefing at the Pentagon, September 17, 2001 with U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld (R) and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice (L). Bush also warned Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia it will be held accountable for giving bin Laden safe haven. (Win McNamee/Reuters)

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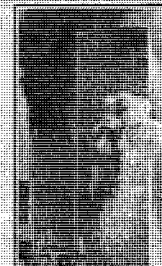
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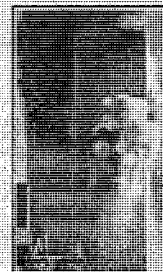
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U.S. President George W. Bush (2NDL) greets government employees returning to work at the Old Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House September 17, 2001. Bush said: "I'm here to remind people the best way to fight terrorism is to not let terrorism intimidate America." REUTERS/Win McNamee

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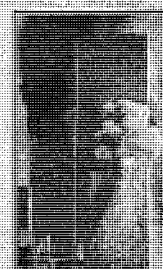
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U.S. President George W. Bush greets Army reservists who have been called to duty at the Pentagon September 17, 2001. Earlier, during a security briefing, Bush said the United States wants Islamic militant Osama bin Laden "dead or alive." REUTERS/Win McNamee

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FILE-First lady Laura Bush, left, accompanied by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, center, and Pennsylvania first lady Michelle Ridge, right, arrive to address the media Sept. 17, 2001 in Indian Lake, Pa., after attending a memorial service with the families of the victims of United Flight 93. On Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001, President Bush said the Sept. 11 attacks had put the United States on notice that the world's only superpower was not immune to attack. Bush also promised to take defensive measures, including the creation of a Cabinet-level body position called the Office of Homeland Security. He named Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge to direct that office. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

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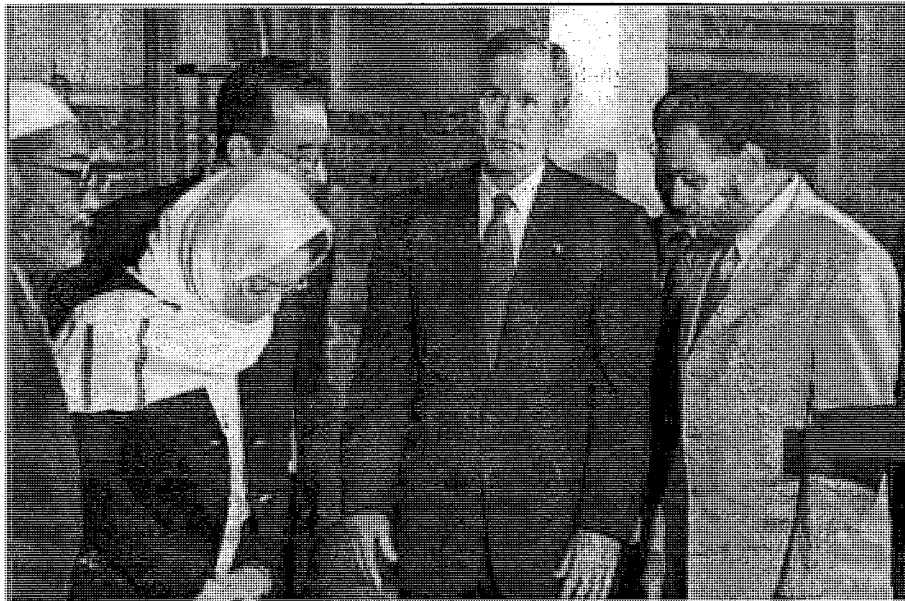
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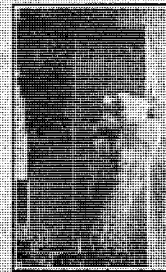
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CORRECTS IDENTIFICATION TO ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD KHOIJ, DIRECTOR OF THE ISLAMIC CENTER—President Bush stands with Abdullah Muhammad Khouj, Director of the Islamic Center of Washington, right, Azizah Alhebry, second from left, Professor at the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, and other Islamic leaders during a visit to the center, Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, in Washington. Bush is trying to put an end to rising anti-Muslim sentiment in the wake of last week's terrorist attacks. (AP Photo/Doug Mills)

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IN
WASHINGTON, DC
Monday, September 17, 2001

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Special Ops Briefing
Meeting on Reserve Call Up

WEATHER

Sunny

High 73
Low 55

DRESS

Men Suit
Women Suit

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EVENT SUMMARY OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

Washington, DC:

10:55 am - **EVENT: Special Ops Briefing**
11:10 am

LOCATION:

The Pentagon
River Entrance – Room 3E - 869
Arlington, VA

11:15 am - **EVENT: Meeting on Reserve Call Up**
11:35 am

LOCATION:

The Pentagon
River Entrance – Room 3E - 869
Arlington, VA

Washington, DC

EVENT SUMMARY OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

Washington, DC:

2:40 pm – **EVENT:** **Meeting at Islamic Center of Washington, DC**
3:00 pm

LOCATION:

Islamic Center of Washington, DC
2551 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC

3:05 pm – **EVENT:** **Remarks and Brief Tour of Islamic Center of Washington, DC**
3:15 pm

LOCATION:

Islamic Center of Washington, DC
2551 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

IN

WASHINGTON, DC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Please board Vehicles on South Grounds Driveway no later than 10:30 am for transport to The Pentagon.

10:40 am

THE PRESIDENT boards Vehicle and departs The White House en route The Pentagon.

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10 USC 1306

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

10:50 am THE PRESIDENT arrives The Pentagon – River Entrance and proceeds to Room 3E-869.

Met by:

Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

Dr. David S.C. Chu

Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Staff not participating in Meeting, please proceed to Secretary's Dining Room for Hold.

EVENT: SPECIAL OPS BRIEFING

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INDOORS
BRIEFING
4 ATTENDEES
ATTIRE: SUIT

10:55 am THE PRESIDENT begins participation in Briefing.

11:10 am THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Briefing and begins participation in Meeting.

EVENT: MEETING ON RESERVE CALL UP

PRESS POOL AT END
INDOORS
MEETING
20 ATTENDEES
ATTIRE: SUIT

11:15 am THE PRESIDENT begins participation in Meeting.

11:35 am THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Meeting and proceeds to Vehicle.

Note: THE PRESIDENT will greet 50 Guard and Reservists prior to departure.

11:45 am THE PRESIDENT boards Vehicle and departs The Pentagon en route The White House.

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(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

11:55 am THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House.

12:00 pm – Refer to Gold Line.

1:40 pm

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

IN

WASHINGTON, DC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Please board Vehicles on South Grounds Driveway no later than **2:00 pm** for transport to Islamic Center of Washington, DC.

Note: Shoes must be removed prior to entering Mosque. Women must wear long skirts or pants in order to be permitted inside Mosque. Veils will be provided by the Islamic Center of Washington, DC.

2:20 pm

THE PRESIDENT boards Vehicle and departs The White House en route Islamic Center of Washington, DC

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10 USC 1304

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

2:35 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Islamic Center of Washington, DC and proceeds to Library.

Met by:

Dr. Abdullah Khouj
Chief Imam, Islamic Center of Washington, DC

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Due to space and time limitations, staff not participating in meeting or tour, please remain near or in vehicles.

EVENT: MEETING AT ISLAMIC CENTER OF WASHINGTON, DC

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14 PARTICIPANTS
ATTIRE: SUIT

2:40 pm THE PRESIDENT begins participation in Meeting.

Note: The following Muslim leaders will attend Meeting:

- Khaled Saffuri, Islamic Institute
- Azizah AlHibri, Muslim Women Lawyers
- Jamal Barzinji, American Muslim Council
- Nehad Hammad, Council on American Islamic Relations
- Jamshaid Uppal, Muslim Alliance
- Abdulwahab Alkebsi, Islamic Institute
- Yahyah Hendi, Georgetown University
- Hassan Ibrahim, Muslim Public Affairs Committee
- Abdullah Khouj, Imam, Islamic Center of Washington, DC
- Yusuf Saleem, Muslim American Society.

3:00 pm THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Meeting and proceeds to Mosque.

EVENT: REMARKS AND BRIEF TOUR OF ISLAMIC CENTER OF WASHINGTON, DC

PRESS POOL
INDOORS
BRIEF REMARKS
15 ATTENDEES
ATTIRE: SUIT

3:05 pm THE PRESIDENT begins participation in Remarks.

Note: THE PRESIDENT will proceed directly to lectern without introduction. Yusuf Saleem, Imam of the Muslim American Society will remark following THE PRESIDENT.

Note: Upon conclusion of Brief Remarks, THE PRESIDENT will be given very brief tour of Mosque by Dr. Abdullah Khouj, Chief Imam, Islamic Center of Washington, DC.

3:15 pm THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Tour and proceeds to Vehicles.

3:25 pm THE PRESIDENT boards Vehicle and departs Islamic Center of Washington, DC en route The White House.

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(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

3:40 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House.

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Remarks at Pentagon; Greeting employees at OEOB

POTUS greeted employees as they arrived for work at the OEOB this morning, then made a trip to the Pentagon, where he met with Rumsfeld and other military advisers to discuss call-up of as many as 35,000 reservists to active duty. More details and color will follow later, but POTUS made news in extensive remarks at Pentagon.

Transcript from remarks in a conference room in the Eisenhower corridor of the Pentagon is coming from White House, but highlights included a stern warning to the Taliban and statements about possible American casualties in a military offensive. Asked whether a refusal by Afghanistan to turn over Osama bin Laden meant the U.S. was preparing for military action, POTUS said the administration would not discuss plans it did or did not have. Then he added: "Osama bin Laden is a prime suspect. The people who house him, encourage him, provide food or comfort or money are on notice." He said that, "We're gonna find those evil-doers, those barbaric people who attacked our country, and we're gonna hold them accountable. And we're gonna hold the people who house them accountable. The people who think they can provide them with safe havens will be held accountable. The people who feed them will be held accountable. And the Taliban must take my statements seriously."

Asked whether he wanted bin Laden dead, POTUS described remembering "Wanted: Dead or Alive" posters in the "Old West." He said Americans wanted bin Laden brought "to justice."

POTUS also laid out the duties to be carried out by the reservists being called up to active duty. He called the call-up a "strong symbol of this nation's resolve" and said their "essential roles" would include maintaining air defenses so they can stay on high alert, checking shipping ports, helping with airlift and logistics, providing military police, engineering projects, helping gather intelligence, and performing work as chaplains. "I know this means a lot of sacrifice," he said.

Asked about possible American casualties, he said: "The US military is ready to defend freedom at any costs." He said, "We will win the war and there will be costs. The military

folks understand that, and so do I."

POTUS said he was concerned about the economy, saying the business and transportation sectors were especially hurting. But he said the "Underpinning for economic growth are there." He said the nation has the best farmers and ranchers, and a strong manufacturing base."

Now to color and more detail.

About 7:30 this morning, POTUS motorcaded to the Old Executive Office Building. Details provided with help from a colleague. POTUS made comments outside the cafeteria, transcript already arrived. Inside the cafeteria, he told workers that, "We're setting a good example. We're showing we will not be intimidated. POTUS ordered a cup of coffee, with Equal and milk. He also said to various employees "Thank you for showing up," "Have a cup of coffee on me," and "I'm glad you're here." POTUS posed for a photo with a woman holding a sausage biscuit on a paper plate covered with plastic wrap. POTUS returned to the White House about 7:55 a.m.

POTUS left for Pentagon at 10:30. After 10-minute uneventful motorcade, arrived at 10:40. A strong stench from the smoldering wreckage was in the air near the building. Pool was led to a holding room, where they were told they would remain for 20 minutes. Instead, it was an hour. According to WH staff, POTUS met with Cheney, Rumsfeld and Condi Rice for about 20 minutes. Then he was led to a larger conference room, where he sat at the center of a conference table. Rice was to his right, Rumsfeld to his left. Andy Card was also at the table, in addition to about two dozen military officials who briefed POTUS on the call-up of reservists for about 20 minutes before your pool was led in for remarks.

POTUS then left conference room, and walked down the Eisenhower corridor, where reservists were lined up in two rows and applauded POTUS for several minutes. POTUS walked down line, and shook many hands. Press office is finding out where reservists were from and will add in next pool report. At this point, most of your pool was led outside, where they waited for more than a half-hour. The following details, out of sight too much of the pool, were provided by a gracious colleague.

POTUS made a trip to the Pentagon cafeteria, which Reed said, was unplanned. He shook dozens of hands and at one point a civilian woman began singing God Bless America. Apparently spontaneously, the entire room then launched into song including POTUS. POTUS, at one point, greeted what White House staffers said were three members of a family of a victim in the Pentagon attack. No names provided. POTUS spoke with one of the family members, a pregnant woman, for five minutes with his left hand draped around her shoulders and rubbing her back. He finished the conversation with a kiss on the cheek. POTUS left the cafeteria with his head bowed. As POTUS was leaving the Pentagon, he walked by a photograph of a younger Colin Powell. "Colin looks here like he is only nineteen" POTUS said, in a brief moment of levity

during an otherwise serious visit.

Motorcade back to White House was uneventful. Arriving back very late at 12:50 PM.

David Greene
Baltimore Sun

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