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Line#	Timecode	Quote
1		VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY: Thank
2		you. [applause] Thank you very much.
3	10:04:50	[applause] Thank you. [applause]
4		Thank you. [applause] Well, you made
5		my day. [laughter]
6		Well, thank you very much. And Ed,
7		thank you for the kind introduction,
8		and let me thank all of you for that
9		very warm welcome. It's a delight to
10		be here this morning.
11		I want to thank the distinguished
12		guests who've joined us, especially
13	10:05:28	Israel's ambassador to the United
14		States, Danny Ayalon.
15		[applause]
16		I also want to recognize the
17		substantial delegation of student
18		attendees from all over the U.S.;
19		welcome to Washington, it's good to
20		see you here.
21		[applause]
22		I'm grateful to the board of AIPAC
23	10:05:50	for inviting me to be part of your
24		2006 Policy Conference. It's
25		obviously a very well attended and

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26		very successful event, and to
27		everyone attending the conference, I
28	10:06:00	bring personal greetings from our
29		President, George W. Bush.
30		[applause]
31		As always, AIPAC has brought together
32		a large and public-minded group,
33		representing different parts of
34		America, many callings in life, and
35		varied points of view on the issues
36		of the day.
37		Gathered here this morning, some of
38	10:06:26	us are Republicans; some are
39		Democrats, (not good)
40		yet all of us share a fundamental
41		belief—that the freedom and security
42		of Israel are vital interests to the
43		United States of America.
44		[applause]
45		Nearly 58 years ago, in May of 1948,
46		the new Jewish state was declared.
47		On the day Israel came into being it
48	10:06:51	was 12 midnight in Jerusalem—six
49		o'clock in the evening here in
50		Washington. Eleven minutes later,

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51		Harry S. Truman made America the
52		first nation to recognize Israel.
53	10:07:01	[applause]
54		From that moment to this very day,
55		the United States has counted Israel
56		as a special and valued friend that
57		shares our basic principles.
58		As fellow democracies, both founded
59		in struggle, we have shown our
60		devotion to the ideals of liberty,
61		equality, and the dignity of every
62		person. We have shown, as well,
63	10:07:26	great resolve and deep faith in times
64		of testing and a true willingness to
65		work and sacrifice for the cause of
66		peace.
67		We are, as President Bush has said,
68		natural allies. There is no doubt
69		that America's commitment to Israel's
70		security is solid, enduring and
71		unshakeable.
72		[applause]
73	10:07:54	Over the years, our two peoples have
74		also known the good fortune of having
75		some very capable, resolute leaders

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76		come along when they were most
77		needed. In my career I've had the
78	10:08:04	privilege of meeting a long line of
79		Israeli statesmen and women,
80		including many prime ministers,
81		starting with Yitzhak Rabin in the
82		mid '70's. And in recent days I've
83		been feeling especially grateful to
84		have had many years of a relationship
85		and friendship with Ariel Sharon.
86		[applause]
87		The Prime Minister's life has been in
88	10:08:28	many respects a reflection of
89		Israel's modern history. He gave
90		decades of service to Israel—fighting
91		in all of its wars, rising to high
92		office, and leading the nation with
93		purpose. When their country came
94		under attack, Israelis knew that
95		Ariel Sharon would stand in the line
96		of fire. And in the effort to
97		achieve peace, which requires so much
98	10:08:48	wisdom, and boldness, and vision,
99		Israelis again placed their trust in
100		this fearless member of the

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101		pioneering generation.
102		Last year at AIPAC's policy
103	10:08:58	conference, Prime Minister Sharon
104		said, and I quote, "I am willing to
105		make painful compromises for peace.
106		There is one thing on which we will
107		not make any compromises—not now and
108		not in the future—and that is our
109		security."
110		[applause]
111		Today Ariel Sharon's voice is silent,
112		and our thoughts are with him as he
113	10:09:24	battles for his life. It's a comfort
114		to know that his deeds will live on,
115		and in our memory the man himself
116		will stand like a rock. We honor him
117		as one of the great statesmen of our
118		time, and a man of peace.
119		[applause]
120		As a small country in a tough part of
121		the world, Israel has always had to
122		be on guard against enemies, to have
123	10:09:49	a clear-eyed view of potential
124		threats, and to confront dangers
125		squarely. Throughout its history,

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126		the country has faced sudden, random
127		acts of terrorism—attacks intended to
128	10:10:00	shake Israel's confidence and break
129		the will of its people. Yet Israel
130		has held firm, and has defended
131		itself with patience, with moral
132		courage, and decisive action. Those
133		are the very qualities by which
134		freedom is preserved, innocent lives
135		are protected, and wars are won. And
136		by those qualities, Israel, and the
137		United States, and all civilized
138	10:10:21	nations will win the war on terror.
139		[applause]
140		To prevail in this fight, we must
141		understand the nature of the enemy.
142		As Israelis have seen so many times,
143		and as America experienced on
144		September 11th, 2001, the terrorist
145		enemy is brutal and heartless. This
146		enemy wears no uniform, has no regard
147		for the rules of warfare, and is
148	10:10:51	unconstrained by any standard of
149		decency or morality. (not good) We
150		are dealing with enemies who plot and

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151		plan in secret, then attempt to slip
152		into a country, blend in among the
153		innocent,
154	10:11:03	and kill without mercy.
155		This enemy has a set of beliefs, and
156		we saw the expression of those
157		beliefs in the rule of the Taliban.
158		They seek to impose a dictatorship of
159		fear, under which every man, woman,
160		and child lives in total obedience to
161		a narrow, hateful ideology. This
162		ideology rejects tolerance, denies
163		freedom of conscience, and demands
164	10:11:26	that women be pushed to the margins
165		of society. Such beliefs can be
166		imposed only through force and
167		intimidation, so those who refuse to
168		bow to the tyrants will be brutalized
169		or killed, and no person or group is
170		exempt.
171		The terrorists have targeted people
172		of every nationality and every
173		religious faith, including Muslims
174	10:11:48	who disagree with them. The war on
175		terror is a fight against evil.

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176		Victory in this war will be a victory
177		for peaceful men and women of every
178		religious faith.
179	10:11:58	[applause]
180		This enemy also has a set of clear
181		objectives. The terrorists want to
182		end all American and Western
183		influence in the Middle East. Their
184		goal in that region is to seize
185		control of a country, so they have a
186		base from which to launch attacks and
187		wage war against governments that do
188		not meet their demands.
189	10:12:24	The terrorists believe that by
190		controlling one country, they will be
191		able to target and overthrow other
192		governments in the region, and
193		ultimately to establish a
194		totalitarian empire that encompasses
195		a region from Spain, across North
196		Africa, through the Middle East and
197		South Asia, all the way around to
198		Indonesia.
199	10:12:43	They have made clear, as well, their
200		ultimate ambitions: to arm themselves

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201		with chemical, biological and even
202		nuclear weapons, to destroy Israel,
203		to intimidate all Western countries
204	10:12:55	and to cause mass death here in the
205		United States. Some might look at
206		these ambitions and wave them off as
207		extreme and mad. Well, these
208		ambitions are indeed, extreme and
209		mad. They are also real, and we must
210		not wave them off. We must take them
211		seriously. We must oppose them, and
212		we must defeat them.
213		[applause]
214	10:13:46	Over the last several decades,
215		Americans have seen how the
216		terrorists pursue their objectives.
217		Simply stated, they would hit us, but
218		we would not hit back hard enough.
219		In Beirut in 1983, terrorists killed
220		241 Americans, and afterward U.S.
221		forces withdrew from Beirut. In 1993
222		we had the killing of American
223		soldiers in Mogadishu, and the
224	10:14:08	bombing of the World Trade Center in
225		New York. Then came the attack on

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226		the Saudi National Guard Training
227		Center in Riyadh in 1995; the
228		killings at Khobar Towers in 1996;
229	10:14:19	the attacks on our embassies in Kenya
230		and Tanzania in 1998; and, of course,
231		the attack on the USS Cole in 2000.
232		With each attack, the terrorists grew
233		more confident in believing they
234		could strike America without paying a
235		price, and indeed, believing that if
236		they killed enough Americans, they
237		could change American policy.
238		So they continued to wage those
239	10:14:42	attacks, making the world less safe
240		and eventually striking the United
241		States in our homeland on September
242		11th. And we've seen the work of
243		terrorists in many attacks since
244		9/11—in Jerusalem, Riyadh,
245		Casablanca, Istanbul, Karachi,
246		Mombassa, Bali, Jakarta, Najaf,
247		Baghdad, London and Madrid. The
248		terrorists have declared war on the
249	10:15:05	civilized world, and America will
250		lead the civilized world to victory.

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251		[applause]
252		We have a strategy of our own in this
253		fight. First, we are absolutely
254	10:15:37	determined to prevent attacks before
255		they occur, and so we are on the
256		offensive against the terror
257		networks.
258		[applause]
259		At home and with coalition partners
260		abroad, we've broken up terror cells,
261		tracked down terrorist operatives,
262		and put heavy pressure on their
263		ability to organize and plan attacks.
264	10:16:00	The work is difficult and very often
265		perilous, and there is much yet to
266		do, but we've made tremendous
267		progress against an enemy that dwells
268		in the shadows. We've counted on the
269		skill and the dedication of our
270		professionals in law enforcement,
271		intelligence, and homeland security,
272		and of course, on the United States
273		military. They have been superb, and
274	10:16:18	they make us proud each and every
275		day.

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276		[applause]
277		Second, we are determined to deny
278		safe haven to the terrorists. Since
279	10:16:35	the day our country was attacked, we
280		have applied the Bush Doctrine—any
281		person or government that supports,
282		protects, or harbors terrorists is
283		complicit in the murder of the
284		innocent, and will be held to
285		account.
286		[applause]
287		Third, we are working to halt the
288		proliferation of weapons of mass
289	10:16:57	destruction, and to keep those
290		weapons out of the hands of killers.
291		In the post-9/11 world, the United
292		States and our allies are determined;
293		we will not live at the mercy of
294		terrorists or regimes that could arm
295		them with chemical, biological, or
296		nuclear weapons. This requires that
297		we deal with threats before they
298		fully materialize.
299	10:17:17	[applause]
300		The President has put it very well,

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301		"Terrorists and terror states do not
302		reveal these threats with fair
303		notice, in formal declarations, and
304	10:17:36	responding to such enemies only after
305		they have struck first is not self-
306		defense, it's suicide."
307		[applause]
308		By whatever means are necessary—
309		whether diplomatic or Military—we
310		will act to protect the liberty and
311		lives of our people.
312		[applause]
313		Fourth, we are determined to deny the
314	10:18:07	terrorists the control of any nation,
315		which they would use as a home base
316		and a staging ground for terrorist
317		attacks against others. That is why
318		we continue to fight Taliban remnants
319		and al Qaeda forces in Afghanistan.
320		That's why we are working with
321		President Musharraf to oppose and
322		isolate the terrorist element in
323		Pakistan. And that is why we are
324	10:18:25	fighting the Saddam remnants and
325		terrorists in Iraq.

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326		[applause]
327		Our strategy in Iraq is clear, our
328		tactics will remain flexible, and
329	10:18:41	we'll keep at the work until we
330		finish the job.
331		[applause]
332		On the security side, our forces are
333		hunting down high-value targets like
334		Zarqawi and his lieutenants. Our
335		soldiers and Marines are conducting
336		smart, focused,
337		aggressive, counter-terrorism
338		operations in the areas where the
339	10:19:03	terrorists are known to be
340		concentrated, and our coalition
341		continues to train more Iraqi forces
342		that are effective, well trained and
343		well equipped, and prepared to assume
344		increased responsibility for their
345		own country's security.
346		As the security force grows in
347		strength and the political process
348		advances, we'll be able to decrease
349	10:19:23	troop levels without losing our
350		capacity to defeat the terrorists.

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351		And going forward, any decisions
352		about troop levels will be driven by
353		conditions on the ground and the
354	10:19:33	judgment of our commanders—not by
355		artificial timelines set by
356		politicians in Washington, D.C.
357		[applause]
358		Progress in Iraq has not come easily,
359		but it has been steady. A short time
360		ago, the Iraqi people had an
361		appointed government, no popularly
362		elected legislature, no permanent
363		constitution and no recent experience
364	10:20:02	with free national elections. In
365		less than two years' time they've
366		voted for a transitional government,
367		drafted a progressive, democratic
368		constitution in the heart of the Arab
369		world, then approved the document in
370		a national referendum, and elected a
371		new government under its provisions.
372		And in each successive election in
373		Iraq there has been less violence,
374	10:20:21	broader participation, and bigger
375		voter turnout—over 70 percent in the

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376		most recent election.
377		[applause]
378		Iraqis have shown that they value
379	10:20:35	their own liberty and are determined
380		to chart the future of their own
381		country. It is not hard to see why
382		the terrorists oppose and rage
383		against the rise of democracy in
384		Iraq. They know that as liberty
385		advances, as men and women are given
386		a say in the affairs of their
387		country, they turn their creative
388		gifts to the pursuits of peace.
389	10:20:54	People who live in freedom are able
390		to choose their own destiny, and this
391		gives them real hope for material
392		progress in their own lives, and a
393		better future for their children. As
394		democracy advances, ideologies that
395		stir anger and hostility lose their
396		appeal, and terrorists lose recruits,
397		safe havens, and sources of funding.
398		For that reason, our strategy for
399	10:21:18	victory in the war on terror has a
400		fifth and crucial element: Across the

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401		broader Middle East, we will work to
402		replace hatred and resentment with
403		democracy and hope.
404	10:21:27	[applause]
405		Supporting political freedom and
406		peaceful change in a troubled part of
407		the world is a long-term commitment,
408		and we already know that the work
409		will be difficult, yet there is no
410		alternative. On 9/11, the United
411		States learned that problems boiling
412		in a far-off region of the world
413		could lead directly to a sudden and
414	10:21:53	murderous attack right here on our
415		own soil. For decades in the Middle
416		East, millions of people have known
417		nothing but dictatorship and heavy-
418		handed rule, resulting in misery,
419		bitterness, and the ideologies of
420		violence. If we simply accept the
421		status quo, that region will be a
422		source of conflict and mounting
423		violence for this generation and
424	10:22:15	beyond. If the peoples of that
425		region are given the rights of free

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426		men and women, and live under
427		elected, accountable governments, and
428		have a chance to work and succeed in
429	10:22:24	hopeful societies, then the flow of
430		radicalism and hate will one day come
431		to an end.
432		In this way, as the President has
433		said, America's ideals and interests
434		are one and the same; the survival of
435		liberty in our own land increasingly
436		depends on the success of liberty in
437		other lands. The best hope for peace
438		in the world is the expansion of
439	10:22:47	freedom throughout the world.
440		[applause]
441		As Americans, we have faith in
442		democracy, but no illusions. We know
443		that it takes time and effort and
444		patience for democratic values and
445		free institutions to take hold, and
446		the greater Middle East has a long
447		way to go. The promise of democracy
448		rests ultimately on free elections
449	10:23:16	and the ability of free peoples to
450		hold accountable those who govern

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451		them, but that is only the beginning.
452		A functioning democracy requires
453		institutions that endure beyond a
454	10:23:26	single vote. Democracy requires the
455		protection of minority rights,
456		religious liberty, equality before
457		the law, freedom of expression, and
458		an inclusive society in which every
459		person belongs. And those who win
460		elections have a duty to nurture
461		institutions and laws that serve the
462		peaceful aspirations of their people.
463		Such duties now belong to the newly
464	10:23:49	elected government in the Palestinian
465		territories. I recognize that the
466		outcome of last month's election has
467		caused some to question whether
468		democracy is truly the way toward
469		peace in the Middle East. They argue
470		that by promoting democratic change,
471		we are actually destabilizing the
472		region and undermining hopes for
473		peace. I believe that's a faulty
474	10:24:10	argument.
475		For one thing, it's hard to claim

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476		that you get lasting stability and
477		peace by denying people a voice in
478		their own government. In fact, the
479	10:24:20	denial of legitimate means of
480		expressing dissent is one of the
481		causes of extremism in the Middle
482		East. For decades, many thought it
483		was worth tolerating oppression for
484		the sake of stability in that region,
485		but we were only buying time as
486		problems multiplied, and demagogues
487		stirred resentment, and the
488		ideologies of violence took hold.
489	10:24:43	We must make a clean break with that
490		history of failed policy, by helping
491		the peoples of that region gain the
492		freedom to express their views, to
493		have open debate, and to choose their
494		own leaders, we have a better chance
495		of defeating the radicalism that
496		threatens us all.
497		[applause]
498		An alternative to democratic rule is
499	10:25:11	command and control by a tiny elite.
500		That's unfortunately what we have

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501		seen for much of the past decade in
502		the Palestinian territories, and
503		we're still living with the legacy of
504	10:25:21	corruption, broken promises, abject
505		poverty, the collapse of the rule of
506		law and ultimately, the outbreak of a
507		terrorist campaign on Israel's
508		doorstep. The Hamas candidates
509		pledged to fight corruption and to
510		improve social services, and they'll
511		be held to that standard by the
512		Palestinian people. If the leaders
513		of Hamas desire the help of America
514	10:25:43	and the international community to
515		build an independent, prosperous
516		Palestinian state, then the way
517		forward is very clear. The
518		Palestinian government must recognize
519		Israel's right to exist.
520		[applause]
521		And Hamas must renounce terror and
522		dismantle the infrastructure of
523		terror.
524	10:26:23	[applause]
525		One thing is certain; the United

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526		States will not be a party to the
527		establishment of a Palestinian state
528		that sponsors terror and violence.
529		(too matter of fact)
530	10:26:37	[applause]
531		Nearly four years ago President Bush
532		committed himself to the vision of
533		two states, living side by side in
534		peace and security. At the same
535		time, he made it clear: There is
536		simply no way to achieve that peace
537		until all parties fight terror.
538		Ladies and gentlemen, one of the
539		basic truths of the world we live in
540	10:27:13	today is that George W. Bush is a man
541		of his word.
542		[applause]
543		The policies of the United States
544		reflect our ideals and the
545		commitments we've made as a nation,
546		and we will be consistent. We will
547		not abandon our belief in democracy,
548		we will not abandon our opposition to
549		terrorism, and we will not abandon
550	10:27:42	our commitment to the security of our

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551		friends and allies. Israel can count
552		on the United States of America.
553		[applause]
554		Over the past four years, other free
555	10:28:42	nations have risen in the broader
556		Middle East. America will remain on
557		the side of democratic reformers, and
558		the reformers are on the side of
559		history. Across that region, the
560		political dialogue has been
561		transformed, and politicians,
562		scholars, students, and men and women
563		from every walk of life are talking
564		about freedom, equal rights, and
565	10:29:03	accountable institutions of
566		government.
567		One leader in Lebanon said, "When I
568		saw the Iraqi people voting, it was
569		the start of a new Arab world. The
570		Syrian people, the Egyptian people,
571		all say that something is changing.
572		The Berlin Wall has fallen. We can
573		see it."
574		Indeed, the whole world can see the
575	10:29:22	change, and the rising hope in places

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576		like Lebanon. Now that Syrian troops
577		have
578		left that country, the Syrian
579		government must stop trying to
580	10:29:30	interfere with the future of a free
581		Lebanon.
582		[applause]
583		America is committed to a sovereign,
584		independent, Lebanon, dismantling all
585		armed militias, and control by
586		Lebanon's government over all of
587		Lebanon's territory.
588		[applause]
589		The inquiry into the assassination of
590	10:29:57	former Prime Minister Hariri should
591		be carried out in full, so the
592		killers can be brought to justice and
593		all those involved—no matter what
594		their official positions may be—can
595		be held accountable.
596		[applause]
597		America supports the Lebanese people
598		in their aspirations for freedom and
599		democracy. They deserve the right to
600	10:30:19	decide their country's future, and

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601		they deserve a President who truly
602		represents them and who looks to the
603		future, not to the past.
604		[applause]
605	10:30:32	America supports as well, the
606		democratic aspirations of the people
607		of Iran.
608		[applause]
609		Iranians have endured a generation of
610		repression at the hands of a
611		fanatical regime. That regime is one
612		of the world's primary state sponsors
613		of terror. The current President has
614		spoken openly of wiping Israel off
615	10:30:56	the map, and of a world without
616		America. He's made despicable
617		statements doubting the crimes of the
618		Nazis, aligning himself with the rest
619		of the fantasy-world Holocaust
620		deniers. The regime in Tehran also
621		continues to defy the world with its
622		nuclear ambitions.
623		Of course, this matter may soon go
624		before the U.N. Security Council.
625	10:31:18	The Iranian regime needs to know that

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626		if it stays on its present course,
627		the international community is
628		prepared to impose meaningful
629		consequences.
630	10:31:29	[applause]
631		For our part, the United States is
632		keeping all options on the table in
633		addressing the irresponsible conduct
634		of the regime.
635		[applause]
636		And we join other nations in sending
637		that regime a clear message: We will
638		not allow Iran to have a nuclear
639		weapon.
640	10:31:58	[applause]
641		The people of Iran can be absolutely
642		certain that we respect them, their
643		country, and their long history as a
644		great civilization, and we stand with
645		them. Iranians desire and deserve to
646		be free from tyranny and oppression
647		in their own homeland. Freedom in
648		the Middle East requires freedom for
649		the Iranian people, and America looks
650	10:33:07	forward to the day when our nation

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651		can be the closest of friends with a
652		free and democratic Iran.
653		[applause]
654		In the months and years ahead,
655	10:33:20	America will continue to support
656		democracy as the expression of our
657		ideals, for the sake of our own
658		security, as well as for that of our
659		friends and allies, and we will
660		continue to act with the kind of
661		resolve that has made these past five
662		years a time of progress in the
663		broader Middle East.
664		Consider for a moment where we were
665	10:33:39	five years ago, when President Bush
666		and I took office. The secret
667		planning for the attacks of 9/11 was
668		already well underway. Hijackers had
669		been recruited; funds raised,
670		training had taken place. Some of the
671		hijackers were already in the United
672		States. In Afghanistan, the Taliban
673		were in power. Al Qaeda was
674		operating training camps that in the
675	10:34:01	late '90s turned out thousands of

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676		terrorists. In Iraq, Saddam Hussein
677		was in power, overseeing, along with
678		his two malevolent sons, one of the
679		bloodiest regimes of the 20th
680	10:34:10	century.
681		Five years ago, there was a serious
682		problem with proliferation,
683		especially in the nuclear area. A. Q.
684		Khan, the man who helped put
685		Pakistan's nuclear program in place,
686		had established a network that was
687		providing nuclear
688		weapons technology to rogue states
689		including North Korea and Iran. And
690	10:34:30	Moammar al Qaddafi of Libya, one of
691		the A.Q. Khan network's biggest
692		customers, was spending millions to
693		acquire nuclear weapons.
694		Today the picture is very different.
695		The Taliban regime is now history,
696		and 25 million Afghans are free.
697		[applause]
698		We have captured or killed hundreds
699		of al Qaeda; put its leaders on the
700	10:34:54	run, and closed the camps that had

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701		trained the killers.
702		[applause]
703		Saddam Hussein wakes up every day in
704		a jail cell, his sons are dead—
705	10:35:07	[applause]—and Iraqis by the millions
706		have embraced democracy.
707		[applause]
708		Iraq's leaders reflect the decency of
709		the Iraqi people, and no dictator is
710		taking their money and giving it to
711		the families of suicide bombers.
712		[applause]
713		Only days after Saddam was captured,
714		the leader of Libya announced he
715	10:35:45	would turn over all of his weapons of
716		mass destruction materials.
717		[applause]
718		A short time later, Libya's uranium
719		and centrifuges were sent to a U.S.
720		facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.
721		[applause] And the A.Q. Khan
722		proliferation network has been shut
723		down.
724		[applause]
725	10:36:13	Our great country, which over the

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726		decades has aided the rise of new
727		democracies in Europe, Asia, and
728		Latin America, now serves that cause
729		in the Middle East, with courage, and
730	10:36:23	firm purpose, and a level of
731		generosity by the American people not
732		seen since the Marshall Plan.
733		Five years ago, many would have found
734		it hard to imagine that all these
735		changes were on the way. And
736		obviously, they did not just happen.
737		Because we've been willing to act on
738		our convictions, we live in a better
739		world today. We cannot know every
740	10:36:44	turn that lies ahead in the fight
741		against terror, and tyranny, and
742		proliferation. Yet at every point,
743		we will be patient and resolute,
744		because the supporters of democracy
745		will need our help, and the enemies
746		of democracy will test our will. And
747		we will be confident, because events
748		are moving in the direction of human
749		liberty. Freedom's cause is the
750	10:37:06	right cause, and every action we take

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751		in support of it makes this world
752		better and safer for our children.
753		[applause]
754		Once again, ladies and gentlemen, I
755	10:37:23	appreciate your hospitality this
756		morning. The President and I are
757		grateful for your counsel, for your
758		commitment to the security of our
759		country, and for all you do on behalf
760		of America's friendship with Israel.
761		Thank you very much.
762		[applause]