

we call home. Through these and other efforts, we will continue to build a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment for all Americans.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2005 as Great Outdoors Month. I call on all Americans to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities and to enjoy safe outdoor recreational activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-ninth.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on June 2, and it was published in the *Federal Register* on June 6.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting Designations Under the Kingpin Act

June 1, 2005

Dear _____:

This report to the Congress, under section 804(b) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act, 21 U.S.C. 1901–1908 (the “Kingpin Act”), transmits my designation of the following eight foreign persons and one foreign entity as appropriate for sanctions under the Kingpin Act, and reports my direction of sanctions against them under that Act:

Arriola Marquez Organization
Oscar Arturo Arriola Marquez
Miguel Angel Arriola Marquez
Ignacio Coronel Villareal
Rigoberto Gaxiola Medina
Marco Marino Diodato del Gallo
Otto Roberto Herrera Garcia
Haji Baz Mohammad
Wong Moon Chi

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Pat Roberts, chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; Arlen Specter, chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Richard G. Lugar, chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; John W. Warner, chairman, Senate Committee on Armed Services; Charles E. Grassley, chairman, Senate Committee on Finance; Susan Collins, chairwoman, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Peter Hoekstra, chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary; Henry J. Hyde, chairman, House Committee on International Relations; Duncan Hunter, chairman, House Committee on Armed Services; William M. Thomas, chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means; and Christopher Cox, chairman, House Committee on Homeland Security. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on June 2.

Remarks on the Nomination of Christopher Cox To Be Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission

June 2, 2005

The President. Good morning. I’m pleased to announce my nomination of Congressman Chris Cox of California as our next Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. As a champion of the free enterprise system in Congress, Chris Cox knows that a free economy is built on trust. In the years ahead, Chris will vigorously enforce the rules and laws that guarantee honesty and transparency in our markets and corporate boardrooms. He will be an outstanding leader of the SEC.

Today, the American economy is the envy of the world. Our economy is growing faster than that of any other industrialized country. We have added over 3.5 million new jobs during the last 2 years. The unemployment rate is down to 5.2 percent. More Americans are working today than ever before. Small businesses are flourishing. Families are taking home more of what they earn. To maintain the confidence that is the cornerstone of our economic system, we must ensure the honesty of American business and the integrity of the capital markets and stock exchanges. Investors must have confidence that

the information they use to make their investment decisions is fair and accurate.

The Securities and Exchange Commission is the primary Federal agency that performs this essential function. The SEC investigates corporate fraud and holds guilty parties responsible when they mislead shareholders and employees.

For more than 2 years, Bill Donaldson has done an exceptional job as the SEC Chairman. Bill took this post at a time when our economy was faced with a crisis in investor confidence. Under his leadership, the SEC vigorously responded to corporate corruption. The Commission filed more than 1,700 enforcement actions under Bill Donaldson's chairmanship, a significant increase from previous years. And the SEC has helped implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the most far-reaching reform of American business practices since the time of Franklin Roosevelt. The agency also responded swiftly to the mutual fund abuses that came to light nearly 2 years ago, enhancing disclosure to mutual fund shareholders.

Bill Donaldson has set high standards for American business and the SEC, and Chris Cox is the right man to carry on this important work.

For more than a decade and a half, Chris has been a superb Representative of the 48th District of California. His achievements range from national security to tax reform. As the first chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, Chris Cox helped coordinate efforts between the Federal agencies and Congress to better protect our country against terrorist attacks. He worked effectively with members of both parties to get more than a dozen of his bills passed into law, including a law protecting investors from abusive lawsuits and a ban on Internet commerce taxes. Four years ago, I signed into law a bill that helps American families by phasing out the death tax. The drive to end the death tax was the product of an effort that Chris Cox helped lead for nearly a decade.

Chris understands how markets work, and he knows the need for transparency in financial exchanges and in the halls of business. He proved that he can bring people together of diverse opinions to get things done. That

kind of leadership will be invaluable as the Chairman of the SEC.

I've given Chris a clear mission, to continue to strengthen public trust in our markets so the American economy can continue to grow and create jobs. The Nation is increasingly a nation of stockholders. A generation ago, only a small percentage of American families invested in stocks and bonds. Today, more than a half of households are investing for their families and for their futures. Now more than ever, we must make sure Americans can rely upon the integrity of our markets.

Chris Cox is a good man to have taken on this job, and he'll do a fine job on behalf of the American people. He brings with him a unique combination of skills and expertise. He graduated with honors from Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School. He worked as a security lawyer for nearly a decade. He taught tax law. He served in President Reagan's White House, and he was elected to the Congress.

I thank Chris for his willingness to serve our country in another important position at an important time for our Nation. I am grateful to his wife, Rebecca, and their three children, Charles, Katie, and Kevin. I call on the Senate to confirm his nomination at the earliest possible date.

Congratulations.

[At this point, Chairman-Designate Cox made brief remarks.]

The President. Congratulations. Thanks for taking it on.

Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:24 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of Chairman-Designate Cox.

Remarks in a Discussion on Strengthening Social Security in Hopkinsville, Kentucky

June 2, 2005

The President. Thanks for the warm welcome. Glad I brought a little rain with me. [Laughter] I'm honored to be here. I've got