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And our job, regardless of our political party, is to recognize the strength of the country, to nourish it and feed it within the Constitution, within the bounds of the Constitution, and to herald success when we find it. And today all of us are honored to be here to herald success because we have found it right here.

God bless Tom. God bless your program.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:35 p.m. in the school's multipurpose room. In his remarks, he referred to Tom Lewis, founder, the Fishing School; John J. DiIulio, Jr., Director-designate, White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives; and Stephen Goldsmith, board member-designate, Corporation for National and Community Service.

### Message to the Congress Transmitting the Blueprint for the Program To Rally the Armies of Compassion

*January 30, 2001*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Enclosed please find the blueprint for my program to "Rally the Armies of Compassion." I look forward to working with the Congress to pass reforms to support the heroic works of faith-based and community groups across America.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,

January 30, 2001.

NOTE: This message was released on the White House Web site.

### Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Bipartisan Congressional Leaders

*January 31, 2001*

Thank you all for coming. This is part of our effort to get to know each other. And if Thomas and Grassley keep coming up here, we're going to get to know them too good, aren't we? *[Laughter]*

I appreciate the Members of the Congress for being here this morning. Thank you all for coming. We're going to have a good, wide-ranging discussion, hopefully focused on tax relief. I'm pleased to see the CBO members. I think it helps further the case that there is enough money to pay down debt, to meet priorities, and to give some of the money back to the people who pay the bills—that's the taxpayers.

#### *Pan Am 103 Trial Verdict*

I also appreciate so very much the Scottish court has made a decision and convicted a member of the Libyan intelligence service for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am 103. I appreciate the work of the United States Government team which contributed to this guilty verdict.

Nothing can change the suffering and loss of this terrible act, but I hope the families do find some solace that a guilty verdict was rendered. I want to assure the families and victims the United States Government will continue to pressure Libya to accept responsibility for this act and to compensate the families.

Thank you all for coming.