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GPO and National Archives Present President Bush With First Volume of Public Papers

Public Printer of the United States Bruce R. James and Archivist of the United States John W. Carlin visited the White House today to present President Bush with the first volume of the *Public Papers of the Presidents, George W. Bush*, documenting the first 6 months of his Administration, January 20 to July 31, 2001.

Accompanying the Public Printer and the Archivist to the traditional Oval Office ceremony were Ray A. Mosley, Director of the Office of the Federal Register, and staff of the GPO and the National Archives who prepared the document, including Peter James (no relation to the Public Printer), the GPO journeyman bookbinder who bound the volume presented to the President.

“It’s a great honor for the GPO to have been a part of the production of this important volume,” said Public Printer James. “Its completion, in cooperation with the Office of the Federal Register, marks a significant contribution to the historical record of our Nation.”

The 880-page volume is published by the Office of the Federal Register, a unit of the National Archives. The book contains the full text of public speeches, news conferences, messages and statements, and communications to Congress, and includes color photographs. In the Foreword President Bush writes, “This was a period of significant and shared accomplishment on a range of important issues.”

The GPO is providing public access to the new *Public Papers* volume in both online and printed formats. Along with all *Public Papers of the Presidents* volumes produced since 1992, it will be available online free of charge later this week via *GPO Access*, at www.gpoaccess.gov/pubpapers. In the past year, *GPO Access*’s Public Papers site has been used by the public to retrieve data more than 108,000 times.

Printed copies of the new *Public Papers* volume can be ordered from the GPO for \$70 each (GPO stock number 069-000-00147-5). It can be ordered securely from GPO’s online bookstore at <http://bookstore/gpo.gov>, which accepts Visa,

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In addition, GPO is distributing print copies of the new Public Papers volume to more than 1,200 Federal depository libraries nationwide, where it will be available for the free use of the public. For the depository library nearest you, search our Web site at www.gpoaccess.gov/libraries.html.

The *Public Papers of the Presidents* series includes volumes documenting the Administrations of Presidents Hoover, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, and Clinton. The series was begun in 1957 and contemporaneous appearances of the volumes began during the Kennedy Presidency. The publication is edited and annotated by the Office of the Federal Register and is the authoritative record of the Presidency used by scholars, researchers, and writers.

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