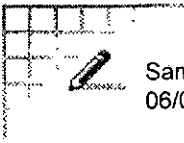


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PRESS BRIEFING BY
ARI FLEISCHER

Q Ari, does the President agree with the conclusions in this report from the U.N. that humans are responsible for global warming?

MR. FLEISCHER: You know, the President addressed a little bit of that in his remarks today. But the President has come out with a proposal on global warming, because global warming is a serious issue and the President views it as such. What he has said about it is that -- and this is consistent with what the President has said and this recent report that came out and that the United States submitted to the United Nations, that there is "considerable uncertainty" -- that's in this recent report -- relating to the science of climate change. This report submitted to the United Nations also recognizes that any "definitive prediction of potential outcomes is not yet feasible" and that, "one of the weakest links in our knowledge is the connection between global and regional predictions of climate change."

The President has outlined a new approach with a plan to significantly reduce the growth in greenhouse gas emissions while sustaining economic growth needed to invest in new technologies to make our environment cleaner, and invest in science to better

understand the challenges presented by climate change. The President's budget for fiscal year '03 provides \$4.5 billion in funding for climate change, with a substantial amount of funds dedicated to research, to reduce scientific uncertainties related to climate change.

So this is an issue the President has put his finger on previously, has announced a plan that will begin to address many of these problems without wrecking the American economy.

Q Ari, can I follow that? The President said -- I read the report of the bureaucracy. Was he referring to the EPA?

MR. FLEISCHER: This is a report that came out of the EPA.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE TRAVEL POOL

NSA Operations Center
National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Maryland

10:45 A.M. EDT

Q Mr. President, good morning, sir. Do you plan any new initiatives on -- to combat global warming?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I've laid out that very comprehensive initiative. I read the report put out by a -- put out by the bureaucracy. I do not support the Kyoto treaty. The Kyoto treaty would severely damage the United States economy, and I don't accept that. I accept the alternative we put out, that we can grow our economy and, at the same time, through technologies, improve our environment.

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