

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting Designations Under the Kingpin Act

June 1, 2012

Dear _____:

This report to the Congress, under section 804(a) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act, 21 U.S.C. 1903(b)(1) (the “Kingpin Act”), transmits my designations of the following three foreign individuals as appropriate for sanctions under the Kingpin Act and reports my direction of sanctions against them under the Act:

Naser Kelmendi (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
Sayed Wazir Shah (Afghanistan)
Jose Antonio Soto Gastelum (Mexico)

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Carl M. Levin, chairman, and John S. McCain III, ranking member, Senate Committee on Armed Services; Max S. Baucus, chairman, and

Orrin G. Hatch, ranking member, Senate Committee on Finance; John F. Kerry, chairman, and Richard G. Lugar, ranking member, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Patrick J. Leahy, chairman, and Charles E. Grassley, ranking member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Dianne Feinstein, chair, and Saxby C. Chambliss, vice chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; Howard P. “Buck” McKeon, chairman, and Adam Smith, ranking member, House Committee on Armed Services; Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, chair, and Howard L. Berman, ranking member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs; Lamar S. Smith, chairman, and John J. Conyers, Jr., ranking member, House Committee on the Judiciary; Mike Rogers, chairman, and C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, ranking member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; and Dave Camp, chairman, and Sander M. Levin, ranking member, House Committee on Ways and Means.

Remarks at an Obama Victory Fund 2012 Fundraiser in Chicago, Illinois

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The President. Hey, Chicago! Thank you. Ah, it is good to be back home. I am sleeping in my bed tonight. I’m going to go into my kitchen; I might cook something for myself. *[Laughter]* Putter around in the backyard a little bit. It’s good being home. White House is nice, but I’m just leasing. *[Laughter]*

I—it is so good to see so many great friends. But I just have to point out the person who introduced me. He was one of the best Chiefs of Staff that you could ever want to have. He would be in the White House at 5 or 6; he’d leave there at 7 or 8. He’d take work home with him. He’d be there on the weekends, sacrifices, all the stuff that he did. But as good as he was at being a Chief of Staff, I have never seen him happier than he is as Mayor of the City of Chicago.

He loves Chicago. He loves its people. He loves its institutions. He loves its kids. And so all the work that he is doing on behalf of making the schools better and streamlining government and making things work in every part of the city and not just some parts of the city, that’s all reflective—all that energy, all that pent-up energy—*[laughter]*—that’s reflective of his love of the city. So I just wanted to give—everybody to give a big round of applause to an outstanding Mayor, Rahm Emanuel.

So I’m here because not only do I need your help, but your country needs your help. So some of you have known me since I was running for the State senate. There were folks who saw me lose a congressional race and saw me win a U.S. Senate race. And I know you, and I