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**INTERVIEW WITH CHARLIE GIBSON OF ABC'S
WORLD NEWS WITH CHARLES GIBSON**

Thursday, August 2, 2007
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I. PURPOSE

To participate in an interview with Charlie Gibson of ABC.

II. BACKGROUND

ABC is producing a special edition of "20/20," titled "Pastor to Power: Billy Graham and the Presidents," which will reflect on the life and legacy of Reverend Billy Graham and his ties to eleven U.S. administrations. The program will include interviews with former Presidents Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, and Bill Clinton, as well as former First Ladies Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush, and Hillary Clinton.

The interview will give you and Mrs. Bush an opportunity to reflect on your personal relationships with Reverend Graham and discuss how the Reverend's counsel and advice has helped you. Gibson will also ask you to discuss your thoughts on the role and importance of faith in the Presidency.

ABC will air "Pastor to Power: Billy Graham and the Presidents" on Friday, August 10.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Mrs. Laura Bush

Charlie Gibson, ABC

White House Staff

Tony Snow, Press Secretary

Kevin Sullivan, Assistant to the President for Communications

Sally McDonough, Press Secretary for the First Lady

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IV. PRESS PLAN

On-the-Record Interview

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Note: There will be a pre-brief led by Kevin Sullivan and Tony Snow.

- You begin your on-the-record interview with Charlie Gibson.
- Your interview concludes.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

Biography of Charles Gibson

BIOGRAPHY OF CHARLIE GIBSON

Charlie Gibson is anchor for ABC's *World News Tonight* and has served in that role since June 2006. Prior to that, Gibson was co-anchor with Diane Sawyer on ABC's *Good Morning America*.

Gibson co-anchored *Good Morning America* from 1987 to 1998 and again from 1999 to 2006. Gibson served as co-anchor on *Primetime Thursday*, now known as *Primetime*, and as a regular substitute anchor for *World News Tonight*.

Anchoring *Good Morning America* on September 11, 2001, Gibson, along with Sawyer, began the network's award-winning coverage of the attacks on the World Trade Center.

Gibson has interviewed each of the last seven American presidents and has anchored many broadcasts from Republican and Democratic national conventions as well as presidential inaugurations.

A native of Evanston, Illinois, Gibson grew up in Washington, D.C., and is a graduate of Princeton University. He and his wife, Arlene, live in New York. They have two daughters.