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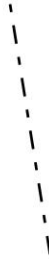
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- **Despite the successes so far, the danger posed by the terrorists is still real.** Since September 11, the terrorists have struck in other cities around the world, and they continue to plot against the people of the United States.
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- **America's Allies – Helping to Win the War on Terror and the Peace in Iraq:** Dozens of nations are working with the United States to bring peace and stability to Iraq. And America's armed forces are not "going it alone" in their important mission. More than 24,000 troops have been contributed by 32 countries. Eleven of the 19 NATO nations have forces in Iraq. The United Kingdom and Poland are leading multi-national divisions in Iraq – the Polish division alone includes forces from 17 different nations.
  
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