

Obama's first 100 days

DOMESTIC RECORD

■ **Economy:** President signs \$787bn stimulus package of tax cuts and new spending intended to jolt U.S. out of worst recession in 50 years

Unveils \$3.55 trillion budget – which could drive deficit to record \$1.8tn this year and double national debt over next decade

■ Banking crisis:

Treasury Secretary **Timothy Geithner** battles to get to grips with scale of crisis after series of costly and politically unpalatable bailouts

Ailing insurer AIG

required to pay back hugely controversial bonuses after taking public bailout money

AIG

■ **Car industry:** Obama orders manufacturers to rethink restructuring plans – but hints process may end in bankruptcy for **General Motors** or **Chrysler**

■ **Guantanamo Bay:** Orders closure of prison within year

■ **Torture:** Orders release of Bush administration memos authorizing harsh interrogation techniques. Does not rule out investigation into who issued legal rulings

■ **Stem cells:** Lifts restrictions on federal funding for human embryonic stem cell research

INTERNATIONAL RECORD

■ **Russia:** Has sought to reset U.S.-Russia relations beginning with negotiations on nuclear reduction treaty to replace **START II** pact

■ **Iraq, Afghanistan:** Sets 2011 as end date for U.S. involvement in Iraq war, while increasing troop levels in Afghanistan to fight Al Qaeda and Taliban

■ **Middle East:** Invites Israeli, Palestinian and Egyptian leaders to White House for separate talks on peace plan

■ **Cuba:** Lifts restrictions on Cuban-Americans returning to homeland and amount of money they can send back to families

■ **Venezuela:** Shakes hands with **Hugo Chavez**, disregarding leftist leader's vitriolic attacks on U.S. during the Bush years

Countries visited: Canada, UK, France, Germany, Czech Republic, Turkey, Iraq, Mexico, Trinidad

Number of foreign leaders met face-to-face: 44



■ **Iran:** Places American negotiator at table with European nations working to convince Iran it should back away from perceived drive to build nuclear weapon

■ **North Korea:** Issues reprimand over test launch of apparent ballistic missile, but determined to bring North back into negotiations to rid divided peninsula of nuclear weapons

■ **China:** Says China's poor human rights record, while still important to Washington, is not defining issue of U.S.-China relations



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