I send greetings to all those observing

North Korea Freedom Week. Those living

in North Korea regrettably know firsthand

the meaning of deprivation of freedom. I

have met in the Oval Office with some of

the courageous few who have managed to

escape from the country. I have heard firsthand

accounts of their suffering in North

Korea and of their dangerous journeys to

freedom. And I have seen how they now live

in freedom’s light. We will continue to

strengthen our commitment to bring freedom

to all repressed peoples. I believe the

21st century will be freedom’s century for

all Koreans. One day every citizen of that

peninsula will live in dignity, freedom, and

prosperity at home and in peace with their

neighbors abroad. Until that day comes, we

will not rest in our efforts to support the

North Korean people as they strive to

achieve the rights and freedoms to which

they are entitled as human beings.