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SEA ISLAND SUMMIT PRE-ADVANCE VISITS

Throughout February and March, the Sea Island Summit Planning Organization hosted the pre-advance delegations from all the G8 member countries in Georgia. Each delegation visited the Summit venues on Sea Island and in Savannah.

In addition to visiting all of the Summit sites, the delegations enjoyed the southern hospitality of Sea Island, St. Simons Island, and Savannah while staying at several local hotels and sampling the many restaurants in the area.



Mayor Johnson, right, of Savannah, presents the key to the city to Gavin MacKay of the British delegation. Also pictured, Ambassador Bob Goodwin, Executive Director of the Summit Planning Organization.

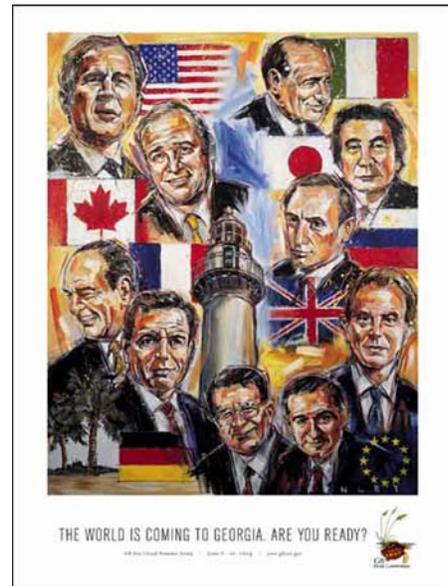


On the banks of the Savannah River, Deputy Pro-tem Mayor Edna Jackson of Savannah, presents the key to the city to Juergen Mertens of the German delegation.

Mayor Johnson of Savannah presents the key to the city to Juichi Takahara of the Japanese delegation.



THE WORLD IS COMING TO GEORGIA. ARE YOU READY?



The G8 Host Committee recently commissioned Atlanta artist Steve Penley to design a poster that would serve as an educational tool for Georgia school children and 300 American schools abroad in recognition of the 2004 Sea Island Summit. The poster features the G8 world leaders and the G8 country flags surrounding the historical St. Simons Island lighthouse that highlights the coastal Georgia landscape.

Penley was raised in Athens and Macon, Georgia and attended the University of Georgia, as well as the School of Visual Arts in New York. Penley is famous for his works of historical icons, including portraits of Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy and legends Bobby Jones and Elvis Presley.

Steve comments that, "Many of my subjects are timeless—they have been used by artists for centuries. When these familiar faces are manipulated in new ways, however, the view is given a fresh basis for comparison. Churchill is not only a portrait—it represents a defining era in world history." Penley's work will now be embraced and viewed around the world, recording its own moment in history, that of the 2004 Sea Island Summit.



2004 G8 SUMMIT SECURITY

As the 2004 G8 Summit approaches, the Summit Planning Organization plans to update you on the security precautions you may experience on June 8-10.

The U.S. Secret Service is working closely with the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Coast Guard, and has partnered with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to ensure the continued dissemination of information regarding the 2004 G8 Summit security as it becomes available.

As is normal with any major international event, security measures will be in place to ensure the safety of the President, the G8 leaders, and their official delegations throughout the Summit. Therefore, please keep the following in mind and plan accordingly.

Savannah

Savannah will host G8 member delegations not staying on Sea Island. During the Summit, delegates will stay in several hotels in the Historic District of Savannah.

During the Summit, businesses are encouraged to remain open. Access to Hutchinson Island will be restricted to official Summit participants only for the duration of the Sea Island Summit.

The Savannah River will be closed to private boat traffic during the Summit. Commercial traffic will continue as normal. Additional information regarding this closure has been posted by the U.S. Coast Guard and all questions should be directed to your nearest Coast Guard office.

St. Simons Island and Brunswick

All traffic utilizing the Torras Causeway will be monitored crossing onto St. Simons Island. Commercial vehicles may be subject to additional screening procedures. Businesses on St. Simons Island are encouraged to remain open during this time.

The Glynco Jetport will be closed to private aircraft during the Summit. The U.S. Secret Service has been working closely with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure that this causes as little inconvenience to private aviators as possible. Regularly scheduled commercial flights will continue as normal. The FAA

will conduct "Flight Advisory Town Hall Meetings" in the Savannah and Brunswick areas in May. For information on meeting times, please visit <http://faasafety.gov>.

In addition, Malcolm McKinnon Airport on St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island Airport will be closed. However, commercial flight service into Glynco Jetport will continue as normal.

Sea Island

Access to Sea Island will be restricted to official Summit attendees and credentialed Sea Island residents. Additional information on restrictions and access for residents will be made available to residents.

The river and water systems that make up the Intercoastal Waterway around Sea Island may be closed to boaters throughout the Summit. Working with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Secret Service will help direct any private and commercial boaters to unrestricted water. All questions should be directed to your nearest Coast Guard office.

Traffic

Summit vehicular traffic is being kept to a minimum. During the Summit, traffic in the area may be similar to traffic experienced during St. Patrick's Day in Savannah or the Fourth of July in the Golden Isles.

Your patience is appreciated in advance of this historic event.

COASTAL GEORGIA

Savannah

- Possible road closures at or near Summit sites.
- Commercial delivery coordination may be required along River Street.
- Savannah River closed to private boat traffic.
- Possible increased vehicular traffic.

SAVANNAH RIVER

HUTCHINSON ISLAND

SAVANNAH

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Hutchinson Island

Closed during the Summit to the general public. Only official Summit participants will have access.

I-95 Corridor

Possible increased vehicular traffic.

Brunswick

Glynco Jetport closed to general aviation. Commercial service will remain open.

BRUNSWICK

SEA ISLAND

ST. SIMONS ISLAND

St. Simons Island

- Traffic coming onto St. Simons Island will be monitored. Additional screening procedures may be in place.
- Commercial delivery coordination may be required in Sea Island.
- Increased vehicular traffic.

Sea Island

Access restricted to official Summit attendees, and Sea Island residents.

Malcolm McKinnon Airport

Closed

Intercoastal Waterway

Closed to private and commercial water traffic. Contact nearest Coast Guard office for additional information.

Jekyll Island

Jekyll Island Airport closed.

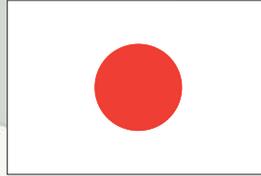
G8 LEADER PROFILE

JAPAN



**His Excellency
Junichiro Koizumi**

**Prime Minister
of Japan**



Quick Facts

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi was born on January 8, 1942 in Yokosuka City, Japan. He attended Keio University and graduated from its Faculty of Economics in 1967.

Mr. Koizumi began his political career in 1972 when he was elected to the Japanese House of Representatives, one of two chambers of the National Diet. He was re-elected 10 consecutive times to that position. During his tenure in the House of Representatives, Mr. Koizumi chaired several committees, including the Finance Committee, and also served in a variety of leadership positions in the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

In 1991, Mr. Koizumi was the Chief Deputy Secretary-General of the LDP, and subsequently held three cabinet Minister positions.

Mr. Koizumi became Prime Minister of Japan in 2001.

Official Name:	Japan
Population:	127.2 million
Language:	Japanese
Capital:	Tokyo
Region:	Asia
Government:	Constitutional Monarchy with a Parliamentary Government
Currency:	The Yen
GDP (2001):	\$3.55 trillion
Climate:	Subtropical to temperate
Fun Fact:	No part of interior Japan lies more than 100 miles from the coast

WHAT IS A SHERPA? THE ROLE OF THE SHERPA AT THE G8 SUMMIT

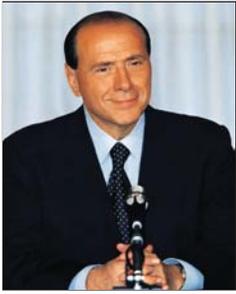
Each year, the leaders of the Group of Eight, or G8, gather informally at the annual Summit meeting.

Personal representatives of the G8 leaders, commonly referred to as “Sherpas,” meet throughout the year to prepare for the Summit.

Sherpa, a Nepali expert mountain guide, assists climbers in ascending Himalayan summits and are essential in ensuring a successful ascent to the top of the mountain. In a similar fashion, the G8 Sherpas guide the leaders by representing their leaders in negotiations that lead up to the Summit.

The leaders’ discussions at the Summit highlight priority issues of the day. Most recently, the G8 leaders have focused on economic growth and development, non-proliferation, counter-terrorism, debt relief in developing countries and efforts to combat infectious diseases.

Following each Summit, the Sherpas continue to meet to ensure that commitments made at the annual Summit are implemented.



**The Honorable
Silvio Berlusconi**

**President of the
Council of Ministers of the
Italian Republic**



Quick Facts

The Honorable Silvio Berlusconi was born in 1936 in Milan, Italy. He completed his degree in law and began his career as a property developer in 1962.

Mr. Berlusconi quickly became Italy's leading developer of residential and large-scale retail real estate. In 1980, he launched Italy's first national commercial television network. He later went on to develop commercial television in France, Germany, and Spain. Mr. Berlusconi also became a book and magazine publisher, and was engaged in banking, insurance, and financial services.

In 1994, Mr. Berlusconi founded the Forza Italia movement and the Polo delle Libertà del Buongoverno coalition. In that year, he was elected and served for seven months as Prime Minister, referred to in Italy as the President of the Council of Ministers.

Mr. Berlusconi returned to power in 2001 when he won the general election.

Official Name:	The Republic of Italy
Population:	57.5 million
Language:	Italian
Capital:	Rome
Region:	Continental Europe
Government:	Republic
Currency:	The Euro
GDP (2001):	\$1.2 trillion
Climate:	Generally mild, with cold winters in the north
Fun Fact:	Italy is approximately the size of Georgia and Florida combined

TURTLE TRACKS: ON THE BEACH

It's getting close to that time of year; mysterious markings will be appearing in the sand. Have UFO's landed on the shores of Sea Island in some alien invasion? Are monsters climbing out of the sea to dine at The Cloister? Or, is the government testing out a new state-of-the-art vehicle to unveil at the G8 Summit? No, it's something even more incredible. The turtles are coming. But will you be able to spot the right tracks? Study the tips below, so that you know your Turtle Tracks!

Loggerhead Tracks:

- Alternating comma-shaped flipper marks;
- Wavy and smoothed track center with no thin, straight, and well-defined tail drag mark;
- No regular marking from front flippers at the margins of the track.

Green Turtle Tracks:

- Parallel flipper marks form a "butterfly-stroke" crawling pattern;
- Ridged track center with a thin, straight, and well-defined tail drag mark that is punctuated by tail-point marks;
- Regular marking from front flippers at the margins of the track.



G8 LEADER PROFILE

CANADA



**The Right Honorable
Paul Martin**

**Prime Minister
of Canada**



Quick Facts

Prime Minister Paul Martin was born in Windsor, Ontario in 1938. He studied philosophy and history at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto and is a graduate of the University of Toronto Law School.

Before entering politics, Mr. Martin had a distinguished career in the private sector as a business executive of the Power Corporation of Canada in Montreal, and as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Canada Steamship Lines. In addition, he has been active in a wide range of community and service organizations.

Mr. Martin was first elected federally in 1988. In 1993, he was sworn in as Minister of Finance. He served in that role from November 1993 until June 2002. At September's Delegate Election Meetings in 2003, Mr. Martin garnered 93% of the vote, making him the new leader of his party. He became Prime Minister of Canada in December 2003.

The Right Honorable Paul Martin is Canada's 21st Prime Minister. Mr. Martin is married and has three children.

Official Name:	Canada
Population:	31.4 million
Language:	English, French
Capital:	Ottawa
Region:	North America
Government:	Confederation with a Parliamentary Democracy
Currency:	The Canadian Dollar
GDP (2001):	\$735.5 billion
Climate:	Temperate to arctic
Fun Fact:	At 3.8 million square miles, Canada is the second-largest country in the world



EUROPEAN UNION

**The Honorable
Bertie Ahern, T.D.**

**Prime Minister of Ireland,
President of the Council
of the European Union**



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**His Excellency
Romano Prodi**

**President of the
European Commission**

The European Union (EU) is a treaty-based association of European countries that work together on issues that affect Europe and its relations with the rest of the world. The origin of the European Union dates back to the founding of the European Economic Community (EEC) at the Treaty of Rome in 1958. The Union expanded to 25 member countries on May 1, 2004.

The European Commission is the administrative branch of the European Union. It proposes and implements policies approved by the governments of the member states, which together constitute the European Council.

The President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission represent the European Union. They are included in the annual G8 Summit as they represent countries that act jointly on a variety of world issues.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, the President of the Council of the European Union and Romano Prodi of Italy, current President of the European Commission, will attend the 2004 G8 Summit.

MARINE HELICOPTER SQUADRON ONE "THE FIRST AND FINEST"



Marine One and Air Force One.

Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1) was established in December 1947 at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia as a unit tasked with experimental testing and evaluation of helicopters, when rotary-wing flight was still in its infancy.

In September 1957 while vacationing in Newport, Rhode Island, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was required to return to Washington, D.C., on short notice. He flew the first portion of that

trip aboard an HMX-1 UH-34, thus making the occasion the first time that an American President had flown in a helicopter. With that first flight, President Eisenhower realized the utility of the helicopter, and he continued to fly with HMX-1 for the remainder of his term. That first flight marked the beginning of HMX-1's Presidential mission and now familiar role of, "Marine One."

Assuming the radio call sign, "Marine One" when the President is aboard, these aircraft are flown by members of HMX-1's Executive Flight Detachment. The helicopters that these hand-selected Marines fly are the finest and most meticulously maintained in the world. The most familiar of these helicopters is the Sikorsky VH-3D "Sea King" which is uniquely configured for Presidential use. Its sophisticated communications system provides the President and his staff communications access to all essential government agencies while airborne. In addition to the VH-3D, the Squadron also utilizes the VH-60N, which is the executive version of the UH-60 "Black Hawk". Because it is easily transported inside large C-5 or C-17 aircraft, the VH-60N is an ideal aircraft for use overseas.



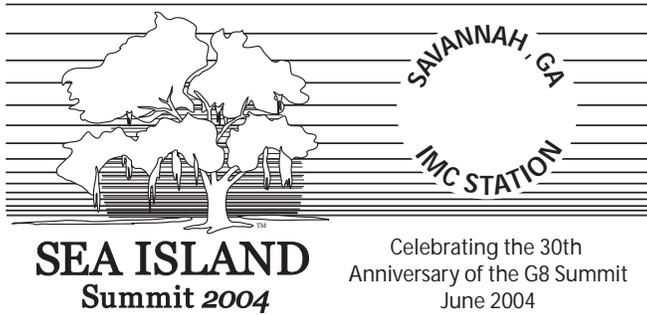
HMX-1 White House departure

HMX-1 also maintains a fleet of CH-53E "Super Stallion" and CH-46E "Sea Knight" helicopters to support Presidential missions. These aircraft routinely transport the White House Staff. When these aircraft are not required for Presidential support missions, the Department of Defense and Headquarters, Marine Corps employ them for other missions.

At the Sea Island Summit 2004, HMX-1 will continue its long tradition of supporting the President of the United States and foreign Heads of State. By the time Summit ends, virtually every visiting Head of State will have flown aboard an HMX-1 helicopter. As the Summit approaches, the Marines of HMX-1 look forward to showing the world the pride, professionalism, and dedication that has earned them the reputation as "The First and Finest."



President Bush disembarking from Marine One.



COMMEMORATIVE CANCELLATION STAMP

In celebration of 30 years of the G8 Summit, June 8th, 9th, and 10th, the United States Postal Service will issue a commemorative cancellation stamp in Savannah, Georgia. Placed on all mail at the International Media Center during the Summit, the G8 Summit commemorative Post Mark is a lasting tribute to the Sea Island Summit, and honors the residents of coastal Georgia.

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