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MESSAGE FROM G8 SUMMIT PLANNING ORGANIZATION

It is a pleasure to announce that President George W. Bush has selected Sea Island, Georgia as the site of the 2004 G8 Summit. We, at the G8 Summit Planning Organization (SPO), are pleased to be working on behalf of the President to help ensure the success of the upcoming Sea Island Summit, June 8th–10th.

Monthly, you will receive the *Sea Island Summiteer*, the official newsletter of the G8 SPO. In each issue, we will provide updates on the various aspects of the Sea Island Summit. Information will include security matters, press involvement, educational and environmental planning, technological and utility improvements that will remain in place after the Summit has concluded, and many other items about the Summit itself.

We have also created special features in the *Sea Island Summiteer* to acquaint you with the G8 and its purpose. These features will include profiles of each of the G8 leaders, Frequently Asked Questions (& Answers), and interviews with Sea Island residents and community leaders.

If you have any questions during the next eight months, please do not hesitate to communicate with us—all of our contact information will be listed on the back page of each newsletter. In addition, if you or your friends would like to read the *Sea Island Summiteer* online, please visit **www.g8usa.gov**.

We look forward to working with the residents of the coastal Georgia communities during the next eight months in anticipation of a successful and memorable G8 Summit!

Sincerely,

Bob Goodwin

Bob Goodwin
Executive Director
G8 Summit Planning Organization

SEA ISLAND SUMMIT IMPROVEMENTS ON THE HORIZON

With President Bush's decision to host the 2004 G8 Summit at Sea Island, Georgia, significant upgrades to telecommunications and other utility infrastructures are either in the planning stages or underway already in the greater Sea Island and Savannah areas.

When the global spotlight is focused on Georgia next June, the G8 Summit Planning Organization will ensure that the technological requirements of the Summit, its delegations, members of the local, national, and international press, as well as that of the residents, are all met. Already, improvements in the increased reliability of mobile communications in the Savannah, Brunswick, Sea Island, and St. Simon's Island communities have begun.

Over the next several months, the Sea Island Summit enhancements will be implemented so as to leave the coastal Georgia region with utilities and services that far surpass other premier business and convention destinations. Improvements in reliability and capacity for local power and telecommunications, in particular, will have the potential to enhance the region's business climate and tourism well into the future.

WHY SEA ISLAND?

The G8 countries take turns in hosting the annual Summits. President George W. Bush is the host of the 2004 G8 Summit. President Bush chose Sea Island, Georgia as the site of the G8 Summit next June because of the Island's reputation for a relaxed atmosphere and gracious hospitality, in addition to its beautiful, natural setting and secluded location.

TURTLE TRACKS
THE SEA ISLAND ENVIRONMENT

In keeping with President Bush's concern for the environment, the 2004 G8 Summit will showcase the healthy balance between preserving our environment and supporting a strong economy. To maintain this balance, one of the key objectives of the 2004 G8 Summit Planning Organization is to ensure that the activities supporting the planning and execution of the Sea Island Summit protect and preserve the environment of the greater Sea Island and Savannah areas.

To achieve this goal, we have created a working group comprised of local, state, and nongovernmental agencies specifically tasked with preparing and implementing an environmental management plan. The first among many steps is the printing of this newsletter with vegetable based inks on 10% recycled, elementally Chlorine free paper, using a green press.

FOCUS ON THE GOLDEN ISLES

Walton H. "Woody" Woodside, longtime resident of Brunswick, Georgia, has over 30 years of experience serving the coastal Georgia area. A graduate of The Citadel, Woody serves as the President of the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Board and Membership of the Chamber, Woody welcomes the arrival of the G8 Summit in June 2004. The community leadership looks forward to working closely with the G8 Summit Planning Organization (SPO) in preparation for the arrival of the world's leadership.

Given the rich heritage, many amenities, and warm hospitality in the Golden Isles, the Chamber of Commerce is extremely pleased Sea Island was selected as the location for President Bush to host the Summit. Community coordinators are in close contact with the G8 SPO, and the Chamber will host members of the G8 SPO at the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce Fall Membership Luncheon.

SEA ISLAND SUMMIT
VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

The Sea Island Summit will be accepting volunteers to help in the greater Savannah area beginning in 2004. To volunteer, simply fill out the Volunteer Form on the Sea Island Summit Web site in early 2004 at **www.g8usa.gov**. Shortly thereafter, you will be contacted about the various Sea Island Summit events.

SEA ISLAND SUMMIT Q & A

One of the G8 SPOs main objectives is to keep the residents of Sea Island and coastal Georgia informed about the Sea Island Summit. Questions and answers will appear monthly in the *Sea Island Summiteer* and online at **www.g8usa.gov**.

When is the G8 Summit?
The Sea Island Summit will occur June 8–10, 2004.

Who are the members of the G8?
United States of America
French Republic (France)
Russian Federation (Russia)
United Kingdom
Federal Republic of Germany (Germany)
Japan
Republic of Italy
Canada
Representatives from the European Union also attend the annual G8 Summit.

What does the "G" stand for in G8?
The "G" stands for the word Group, in Group of Eight.

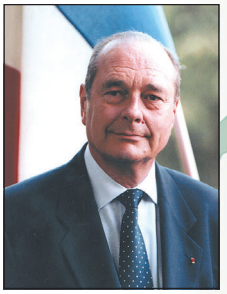
Has the United States hosted the G8 before?
The G8 countries take turns in hosting the annual Summits. The United States has hosted the Summit four times: in Puerto Rico (1976), Williamsburg, VA (1983), Houston, TX (1990), and Denver, CO (1997).

Will the Summit have a positive economic effect on Sea Island and the surrounding areas?
The G8 Summit will provide an immediate boost to the local economy, due to the preparations and the influx of visitors. The longer-term boost will be even greater, when the venue becomes the center of world attention during the Summit.

How can my company help?
Planning for the 2004 G8 Summit will require an array of different resources. You may offer your company's services by sending an E-mail to GoodsandServices@G8usa.gov.

Who designed the official Sea Island Summit 2004 logo?
The Sea Island Summit 2004 logo was created and designed by the students of the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), in Savannah, Georgia.

G8 LEADER PROFILE



His Excellency Jacques Chirac

President of the French Republic

His Excellency Jacques Chirac was born on November 29, 1932 in Paris, France. He graduated from the Institute of Political Science in Paris and also attended Harvard University.

Mr. Chirac began his political career in 1965 when he was elected as a town councillor in Sainte-Féréole (Corrèze). He went on to become the Deputy of the Corrèze Department and was later the President of the Corrèze Departmental Council. In 1977, Mr. Chirac was elected mayor of Paris.

In 1995, Mr. Chirac was elected President of the French Republic. He was re-elected in 2002.

Mr. Chirac is married and has two children.

France was the host of the 2003 G8 Summit that took place recently in Evian, France, on the shores of Lake Geneva.

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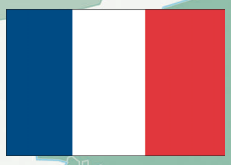

Quick Facts

Paris

Official Name:	**French Republic**
Population:	**59.3 million**
Official Language:	**French**
Capital:	**Paris**
Region:	**Continental Europe**
Government:	**Republic**
Currency:	**The Euro**
GDP (2001):	**$1.3 trillion**
Climate:	**Temperate; similar to the climate of the eastern United States**
Fun Fact:	**Largest west European country at 220,668 square miles or roughly four-fifths the size of the state of Texas.**

SUMMIT SECURITY

Security planning for the Sea Island Summit 2004 is well underway. The United States Secret Service, the lead law enforcement agency for the Summit, is in the process of developing the security plan by relying on a core strategy of forming partnerships with all the participating law enforcement, public safety, and event officials. Its goal is to implement, with the numerous participating entities, a seamless security plan that will create a safe and secure environment for visiting dignitaries, event participants, and the general public of the greater Sea Island area.

The Sea Island Summit has been designated a National Special Security Event (NSSE). When an event is designated as a NSSE, the United States Secret Service assumes its mandated role as the lead agency responsible for security design, planning, and implementation. Since 1999, the Secret Service has led security operations at 14 NSSEs. In addition to the Sea Island Summit, both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions have been designated NSSEs in 2004.

Photo courtesy of Sea Island Company

SEA ISLAND PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 2003

(*Left to right*) Bob Goodwin, Executive Director of the G8 Summit Planning Organization, Sonny Perdue, Governor of Georgia, and Bill Jones III, Chairman and CEO of The Sea Island Company, at a Press Conference at The Cloister Hotel on July 16, 2003 announcing the President's selection of Sea Island, Georgia as the site of the 2004 G8 Summit.

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