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Front cover (top row, left to right): night view of Shanghai's financial district (Imaginechina via AP Images/Zhou Junxiang); Canadian prime minister greets President Obama in Ottawa (AP Photo/The Canadian Press/Fred Chartrand); Iranian president inspects Natanz Uranium Enrichment Facility (AP Photo/Iranian President's Office). Bottom row, left to right: Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with Colombian chief of defense in Bogota (U.S. Air Force/Adam M. Stump); Soldier provides security during reconnaissance mission in Afghanistan (U.S. Army/Adam Mancini); leaders of Luxembourg, Germany, France, and Great Britain discuss economic crisis during Paris summit.

Inside front cover (top to bottom): USS *Iwo Jima* Expeditionary Strike Group vessels transit Atlantic Ocean (U.S. Navy/Katrina Parker); Northern Ireland police officer covers British security forces searching for Irish Republican Army gunmen who killed two British soldiers (AP Wide World Photo/Peter Morison); children in Darfur carry water while awaiting resettlement by United Nations Mission in Sudan (UN/Tim McKulka); and U.S. Navy Sailors provide security at Khawr Al Amaya Oil Terminal, Persian Gulf (U.S. Navy/Kirk Worley).

Inside back cover (top to bottom): Japan Air Self Defense Force F–2 fighter at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam (U.S. Air Force/Courtney Witt); German Kosovo Force soldier checks identification papers (KFOR/Christian Korff); China readies Long March 2F rocket for country's third manned spaceflight (Imaginechina via AP Images /Xu Haihan); and self-propelled, semisubmersible craft seized by U.S. Coast Guard in eastern Pacific joint drug interdiction operations with USS *McInerney* (U.S. Coast Guard).

Back cover (top row, left to right): antiterrorist squad members take positions after report of attack, Mumbai, India (AP Wide World Photo/Rajanish Kakade); skyline of Sao Paulo, Brazil, overlooking Favela Morumbi slum (AP Wide World Photo/Alexandre Meneghini); welders work on new natural gas pipeline in Russia (AP Wide World Photo/Misha Japaridze). Bottom row: devastation in Port de Paix, Haiti, after four storms struck in one month (U.S. Navy/Emmitt Hawks); refugees flee fighting in Democratic Republic of Congo (AP Wide World Photo/Karel Prinsloo); and infrared satellite image of Tropical Storm Gustav, August 2008 (U.S. Navy).

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—President Barack Obama
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