

October 10, 2003: Commissioners meet with President George W. Bush

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WASHINGTON - President George W. Bush today met with Commissioners of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), an independent and bipartisan federal agency. They presented to him the Commission's 2003 Annual Report on International Religious Freedom. Commissioners commended the President for his personal commitment to promoting globally freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. Present Commissioners attending the meeting were Preeta D. Bansal, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, Felice D. Gaer, Richard D. Land, Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, Nina Shea, Michael K. Young, and Ambassador John V. Hanford. Former Commissioners attending were Firuz Kazemzadeh, Bishop William F. Murphy, Leila Nadya Sadat, and Ambassador Charles R. Stith

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