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Obama Team Shifts to Transition Mode BUSH EXTENDS INVITATION, CALLS HISTORIC ELECTION 'UPLIFTING'

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A day after winning a historic victory that will make him the first black president in the nation's history, Barack Obama remained largely out of public view yesterday while his aides announced the first details of an ambitious plan for the transfer of power when he assumes office in January.

After emerging from his home in Chicago for an early workout, Obama spent most of the day ensconced in

a downtown office building where he held discussions with Vice President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr.; John D. Podesta, who was President Bill Clinton's chief of staff; Rep. Rahm Emanuel (Ill.); and senior campaign advisers. At his campaign headquarters nearby, aides began stripping posters from the walls and disbanding the sprawling organization that helped propel the senator from Illinois to a decisive victory over Republican John McCain on Tuesday.

Amid new indications of a weakening economy, the president-elect must now decide how to insert himself

into the most pressing issues facing the nation over the next 75 days, particularly the global economic summit that President Bush will convene in Washington on Nov. 15 and a new economic stimulus package being pushed by Democrats when a lame-duck session of Congress begins days later.

Leading the Obama-Biden Transition Project are Podesta; Valerie Jarrett, a close friend of Obama's; and Pete Rouse, Obama's former Senate chief of staff. Its work can be monitored online via www.change.gov. Obama hopes to quickly name a Treasury secretary, a

decision that will set the tone for his relationship with the battered financial world, and is expected to name his chief of staff, most likely Emanuel, this week.

In remarks delivered from the Rose Garden, the current occupant of the White House called Obama's election "uplifting."

"It will be a stirring sight to watch President Obama, his wife, Michelle, and their beautiful girls step through the doors of the White House," Bush said. "I

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BY BILL O'LEARY — THE WASHINGTON POST

Antoine McGrath, who rode his bike across the country from San Francisco, blows bubbles at a rally in front of the White House celebrating Barack Obama's election.

OBAMA SUPPORTERS' CELEBRATIONS

Across the Country, 'It's Like a New Aura'

By PAUL SCHWARTZMAN and ELI SASLOW
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On the morning after, Teddy Andrews knew there was one place he needed to go to commemorate Barack Obama's historic triumph: the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, where 40 years ago, before hundreds of thousands of African Americans, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. voiced his soaring dream of racial equality.

Grabbing a co-worker, Andrews, 44, walked from his office near Union Station all the way to one of Washington's most iconic memorials. On the spot where King stood, Andrews lay the front page of a newspaper proclaiming Obama's victory, holding it in place with a black wingtip shoe while he snapped a photo with his phone.

"It's a powerful moment," said Andrews, as a woman leaned over to take a photo of the Obama button she placed next to the newspaper. "To stand where Dr. King stood, to show him what he did for us, not just as an African American but as an Amer-

ican. If it wasn't for him, we wouldn't have this today."

Across the country yesterday, as the cathartic celebration of Tuesday night gave way to the realization that Obama's victory was indeed no dream, the president-elect's supporters marked the historic moment in quieter but no less joyous ways.

In offices and on street corners, at cafes, laundromats and public squares, friends and strangers hugged and laughed, repeating their favorite Obama refrains and speaking of witnessing something almost beyond words.

Everywhere Obama supporters assembled, it seemed, was a giddy sense that the country had achieved a milestone and therefore anything was possible. His most ardent admirers said they don't need to wait for history to draw its conclusions or even for the senator from Illinois to move his family to the White House. In breathless bursts, they rendered their own verdict:

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BY RICKY CARIOTI — THE WASHINGTON POST

James Andre of Paris signs a placard at the Lincoln Memorial.

A CHANGING ELECTORATE

Democrats Add Suburbs to Their Growing Coalition

By ALEC MACGILLIS and JON COHEN
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After President Bush's reelection in 2004, top strategist Karl Rove proclaimed the arrival of a permanent Republican majority. Just four years later, the results from Sen. Barack Obama's definitive victory suggest that the opposite may be underway.

The Democrats appear to have built a majority across a wide, and expanding, share of the electorate — young voters, Hispanics and other ethnic minorities, and highly educated whites in growing metropolitan areas. The Republicans appear at the moment to be marginalized, hanging on to a coalition that may shrink with time — older, working-class and rural white voters, increasingly concentrated in the Deep South, the Great Plains and Appalachia.

Nothing demonstrates this reversal as clearly as the Democrats' ascendancy in the suburbs and among the moderate, college-educated voters who dominate them. Obama won 50 percent of suburban voters, three points higher than Sen. John F. Kerry's showing in 2004 and the most by a Democrat since exit polling began in 1972, swelling his margins in a number of battleground states.

In Virginia, Obama offset losses in the rural parts of the state by not only winning Fairfax County, as Kerry did, but also the big outer suburbs of Prince William and

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VIRGINIA

Kaine Creates A New Dominion For His Party

By TIM CRAIG
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Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine (D) sat down with his political staff shortly after his election in 2005 and spelled out their next mission: build the state Democratic Party for a generation of victories. With Tuesday's election, Virginia Democrats have completed a major takeover of politics.

"It is still sinking in," Kaine said in an interview yesterday. "There were doubters who said it wouldn't happen in Virginia, and Virginia wouldn't elect a man named Barack Obama. There were people who think of Virginia, and they think of Old Virginny. But Old Virginny is dead."

Virginia hasn't been this blue in more than four decades after Democratic wins Tuesday in the presidential, U.S. Senate and several U.S. House races.

Part of the Democratic success in the state can be attributed to President Bush's low approval ratings and the turmoil on Wall Street. But Kaine has also seized on a demographic shift that has allowed Democrats to compete in suburbs outside Washington, Richmond and Norfolk where they had been losing badly. He also focused resources and time in vote-rich Fairfax County

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Russia Gives Obama Brisk Warning Kremlin Plans Missiles Targeting NATO if U.S. Defense Shield Proceeds

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MOSCOW, Nov. 5 — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev warned in a nationally televised address Wednesday that he will deploy short-range missiles near Poland capable of striking NATO territory if the new Obama administration presses ahead with plans to build a missile defense shield in Europe.

The threat, which came just hours after the conclusion of the

U.S. election, appeared intended to signal Moscow's priorities to the American president-elect. It could present an early foreign policy test for Barack Obama, who says he supports a missile defense system against Iran but has also accused the Bush administration of exaggerating the system's capabilities and rushing deployment for political purposes.

The Kremlin argues that the U.S. missile shield is a threat to Russia's national security. But the Bush administration has said it is

designed only to intercept a potential nuclear launch from a country such as Iran and presents no danger to Russia, whose nuclear arsenal could easily overwhelm it.

Kremlin officials have floated plans before to move missiles into the Baltic region of Kaliningrad to counter the American shield, but Medvedev's warning was the most explicit and public statement of the threat to date by a top Russian leader. Some analysts described it

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Markets Tumble 486 Points

Dismal economic reports spark a sell-off that ends with the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 5 percent — its largest swing ever on the day after a presidential election. **BUSINESS, D1**

THE WORLD

U.S. to Reduce Troops in Iraq

The Pentagon will withdraw one combat brigade early. **A10**

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To-Do List of Kids' Chores

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SPORTS

Where Were Redskins Fans?

Michael Wilbon believes bad crowd behavior at FedEx Field drove the sale of tickets to Steelers fans. **E1**

Winless Wizards Fall in OT:

Milwaukee wins, 112-104. **E1**



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OBITUARY

Michael Crichton Dies at 66

The popular author of "Jurassic Park" also created the television drama "E.R." **B5**