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Take these steps on heels of deal

Regarding the Bush plan to allow a Middle Eastern company to operate American ports, I propose the following as well:

- Outsource the Coast Guard and Border Patrol. Plenty of nations that have been dealing with security issues more intensely than we have could be employed at a fraction of the cost that our young men and women would expect for such service.
- It's only a matter of time before cars made in China become the latest craze among American consumers, thereby killing off what's left of Ford and GM. Perhaps we could instead persuade the Chinese simply to locate some of their plants in the United States and agree to hire our laid-off workers at a discount.
- Take a hard look at all that oil in Venezuela and declare that nation is harboring weapons of mass destruction with a leader clearly in cahoots with al-Qaida. He's got to go — and following in the tradition of Teddy Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and President Bush, we owe the people of that nation a good old-fashioned dose of American freedom and democracy.

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