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Conflict Will Be Viewed as Sees Troops Turning Tide

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President-elect Barack Obama
to sign off on Pentagon
send up to 30,000 more
troops to Afghanistan, but the
administration does not
think that the Iraq-like "surge"
will significantly change
the nature of a conflict that has
deteriorated over the past
years.
Obama's national security
expects that the new de-
partment U.S. force of 32,000
troops, which will nearly dou-
ble an equal number of non-
combat troops, will help buy
time for the new adminis-
tration to reappraise the entire Af-
ghanistan war effort and develop a
comprehensive new strategy for
the conflict. Obama has called the "central
error."

A Final Face-Off With the Press



President Bush was by turns defensive and conciliatory in his last White House news conference. He stood behind his record on the major challenges

Obama Seeks Rest of Bailout

Request for Funds Meets Skepticism On Capitol Hill

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President-elect Barack Obama
yesterday launched an aggressive
campaign to persuade a deeply skep-
tical Congress to permit him to
spend another \$350 billion to sta-
bilize the still-fragile U.S. financial sys-
tem, as the Bush White House for-
mally notified lawmakers of Ob-
ama's intention to use the money.

Obama began calling lawmakers,
promising to respond to their in-
tense criticism of the financial res-
cue program by expanding its scope
to aid struggling homeowners, small
businesses and others. His top eco-
nomic adviser, Lawrence H. Sum-
mers, sent a three-page letter to con-
gressional leaders, vowing to better
track how the money is spent and