

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2020

Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Prior to Departure for Charlotte, North Carolina

October 21, 2020

The President. Hello, everybody. So we're going to North Carolina. Big crowd. Really big crowd. And we're going to have a good time.

We're doing very well in the polls. I guess you noticed it's going up rapidly, and we look forward to it. Hi, Steve [Steve A. Holland, Reuters].

Presidential Debate in Nashville, Tennessee

Q. What are you going to do about that mute button tomorrow?

The President. About who?

Q. The mute button on the—at the debate. The mute button.

The President. Well, I think the mute is very unfair, and I think it's very bad that they're not talking about foreign affairs. They're supposed to be talking about foreign affairs. And I think that the anchor is a very biased person. Her parents are very biased. But that's my life.

In the meantime, that's the White House standing behind me, right?

Q. Mr. Trump——

Q. Are you doing any preparation?

The President. Yes, I do prep. I do prep.

Democratic Presidential Nominee Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

Q. Mr. President, are you asking the Attorney General to investigate Joe Biden and his son?

The President. Thank you very much, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:01 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One. In his remarks, he referred to Kristen Welker, White House correspondent, NBC News, in her capacity as the moderator in the Presidential debate in Nashville, TN, on October 22, and her parents Harvey and Julie. Reporters referred to R. Hunter Biden, son of Democratic Presidential nominee Biden.

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