

**Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Prime Minister Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom and an Exchange With Reporters in St. Ives, United Kingdom**

*June 10, 2021*

*Prime Minister Johnson.* Well, it is a—what a great, great pleasure, Mr. President, to welcome you to Cornwall.

*President Biden.* It is a great pleasure to be here.

*Prime Minister Johnson.* Fantastic to see you. Fantastic to see you here on what I think is your first big overseas trip since you've been——

*President Biden.* It is.

*Prime Minister Johnson.* ——since you've been President.

*President Biden.* It is. I've visited your great country many times, but this is the first time as President of the United States.

*Prime Minister Johnson.* Well, everybody is——

*President Biden.* It's a great honor.

*Prime Minister Johnson.* Everybody is absolutely thrilled to see you. And——

*President Biden.* We're thrilled to be here. I'm thrilled to meet your wife.

*Prime Minister Johnson.* Yes, well—and they've gone off to do something else. [*Inaudible*]

*President Biden.* They did. I told the Prime Minister we have something in common: We both married way above our station.

*Prime Minister Johnson.* And I'm not going to—I'm not going to dissent from that one. [Laughter] I'm not going to disagree with the President on that or indeed on anything else, I think it highly likely.

Are we going to—are we going to have a—we could just continue——

*Q.* Mr. President, Mr. President——

*Prime Minister Johnson.* I think we generally—I was going to say, we generally agree, Joe. The problem—[*inaudible*]—in public.

*Q.* Mr. President, do you—Mr. President, do you see it as a test that Vladimir Putin has banned Alexei Navalny's political organization?

*Prime Minister Johnson.* Thanks, everybody.

*Q.* Will you resume travel—sir, will you resume travel between the U.K. and the U.S.? Can the Good Friday accord be saved, sir?

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:23 p.m. at the Carbis Bay Estate Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Carrie Johnson, wife of Prime Minister Johnson. A reporter referred to President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia; and Alexei Navalny, leader, Russia of the Future political party.

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