

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024*

**Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Prior to Departure for Baltimore, Maryland**

*April 5, 2024*

*Earthquake in New York and New Jersey*

*Q.* Your reaction to the earthquake, sir—the New York City earthquake? Can you talk about it briefly? Your reaction, sir, to the New York——

*Q.* ——in spite of the earthquake?

*The President.* With regard—with——

*Q.* Did you threaten to stop military——

*The President.* With regard——

*Q.* ——aid to Israel?

*The President.* With regard to the earthquake, I spoke to the Governor. He thinks everything's under control. He's not too concerned about it—the Governor of New Jersey—so things are all right.

Thank you.

[*At this point, several reporters began asking questions at once.*]

*Israel*

*Q.* Did you threaten to stop military aid to Israel, Mr. President?

*The President.* Pardon me?

*Q.* Did you threaten to stop military aid to Israel?

*The President.* I asked them to do what they're doing.

[*Several reporters asked questions at once.*]

*Q.* Are you abandoning Israel?

*The President.* Where you from, man?

*Q.* Are you abandoning Israel?

*The President.* Is that a serious question?

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:52 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Philip D. Murphy of New Jersey.

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