

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

**Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Prior to Departure for Greenville,
Delaware**

August 2, 2024

2024 Presidential Election

Q. Mr. President, have you spoken to Vice President Harris about her running mate? Have you spoken to Vice President Harris about her running mate?

The President. Yes.

Q. Do you know who she's going to pick?

Vice President Kamala D. Harris

Q. Sir, you have been a Vice President before. What key qualities should the Vice President be looking for when she picks hers?

The President. I'll let her work that out.

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

Q. Mr. President, about Israel, about Gaza.

U.S. Citizen Wrongly Detained in Russia

Q. *[Inaudible]*—a Pennsylvania teacher, he's still sitting in a Russian prison—Marc Fogel. The Pennsylvania teacher still sitting in a Russian prison. What do you tell his family?

The President. We're not giving up on—we're not giving up on that.

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

Q. What more can you do? What more can you do?

The President. Do you want me to tell you ahead of time so he doesn't get out?

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:25 a.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One. In his remarks, he referred to Marc Fogel, a U.S. citizen who was arrested in August 2021 by Russian authorities and charged with carrying a small amount of medical marijuana. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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