

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

**Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Prior to Departure for Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania**

September 2, 2024

Q. Mr. President, what did you learn from your briefing today?

Israel-Hamas Cease-Fire and Hostage Release Negotiations

Q. Mr. President—[inaudible]—about whether you propose a final offer to Israel and Hamas this week?

The President. It's still being negotiated.

Q. What parts are being negotiated?

Q. What would you like to see Netanyahu do?

The President. Well, we're in the middle of negotiations.

Q. Can you explain why Netanyahu is not doing enough? Can you explain why you think Prime Minister Netanyahu is not doing enough to help the hostages?

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel/Israel-Hamas Cease-Fire and Hostage Release Negotiations

Q. Netanyahu just gave a speech. He was very defiant. And he said that he will stay in Philadelphia. Will this halt the agreement?

The President. We're still in negotiations—not with him—with my colleagues from Qatar and from Egypt.

Q. Mr. President, what's your message to Israelis?

Q. Mr. President, do you have any comment now on the demonstrations in Israel?

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:20 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One. In his remarks, he referred to Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar; and President Abdelfattah Said Elsisi of Egypt. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 3.

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