

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

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

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*Possible Attempted Assassination of Former President Donald J. Trump/U.S. Secret
Service*

Q. Do you have any more information on the assassination attempt?

The President. I think the—thank God the President's okay. I think we got a full report so far. We'll go down there tonight.

But one thing I want to make clear: The Service needs more help. And it—I think the Congress should respond to their needs, if they, in fact, need more Service people. So, that's what we're going to be talking about.

[At this point, several reporters spoke at once.]

U.S. Secret Service

Q. Are you saying they need more money or they need more personnel? They need more money? What kind of help do you say they need?

The President. I think they need some more—I think they may need—they may—they're deciding whether they need more personnel or not.

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:06 a.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One.

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