

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

**Remarks and an Exchange With Reporters Upon Arrival From Greenville,
Delaware**

September 22, 2024

The President. We had very successful meetings with the Quad in Delaware. Total unity. We were all working together. I feel good about what we're doing, and I think the other leaders do as well.

So thank you for being here.

Lebanon/Israel

Q. Mr. President, are you worried about rising tensions in the Middle East?

The President. Yes, I am. But we're going to do everything we can to keep a wider war from breaking out. And we're still pushing hard.

Thank you.

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

Federal Government Appropriations

Q. Mr. President, how concerned are you about a shutdown?

The President. I'm not.

Ukraine

Q. Have you made a decision to allow Ukraine to use long-range weapons?

The President. No.

Shooting in Birmingham, Alabama

Q. Mr. President, any reaction to the Birmingham mass shooting?

The President. I just heard about it on the way down from the plane. I don't have anything to report.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 2:25 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House after exiting Marine One. In his remarks, he referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan, and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of Australia. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 23. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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