

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

**Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Upon Arrival From Tallahassee, Florida
October 3, 2024**

Tentative Agreement Between the International Longshoremen's Association and United States Maritime Alliance, Ltd./Former Representative Elizabeth L. Cheney's Campaign Appearance With Vice President Kamala D. Harris in Ripon, Wisconsin

Q. Mr. President, your thoughts on the dockworkers' agreement?

The President. I just spoke with all of your colleagues at the airport. So I'm going to repeat myself.

The dockworkers are going back to work. And they've—the next 90 days, they're going to settle everything. [*Inaudible*]

But I don't know whether you got to see it, but I thought Liz Cheney not only did something that took courage, it took physical courage. It took physical courage. I admire her. [*Inaudible*]

Her dad and I worked together a long, long time. She is her father's daughter.

Hurricane Helene Damage and Recovery Efforts

Q. What do the States in the storm zone need, Mr. President?

The President. Say it——

Q. What do the States in the storm zone—what do they need after what you saw today?

The President. Oh, in the storm zone.

Q. Yes, sir.

The President. I was wondering what storm you're talking about. The—they're getting everything they need. And they're very happy across the board. So we've just got to keep—I'm going to have to go back to the Congress to get some more money for—[*inaudible*].

Situation in the Middle East

Q. Mr. President, how confident are you that a full-out, all-out war could be averted in the Middle East?

The President. How confident are you it's not going to rain? Look, I——

Q. What are—[*inaudible*].

The President. I don't believe there's going to be an all-out war. I think we can avoid it. But there's a lot—a lot to do yet. A lot to do yet.

U.S. Assistance to Israel

Q. Will there be American troops sent to combat to help Israel?

The President. [*Inaudible*]—gone back to help Israel?

Q. Will there be American troops sent to combat to help Israel? Yes or no.

The President. We've already helped Israel. We'll continue to. We're going to protect Israel.

NOTE: The President spoke at 7:14 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House after exiting Marine One. In his remarks, he referred to former Vice President Richard B. Cheney. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 4. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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