

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
October 26, 2024

The President. I assume you want to talk about Elon Musk being here illegally.

I'm only joking. What you got?

2024 Presidential Election

Q. Mr. President, what do you say to the men that supported you, but are not supporting Harris?

The President. They're making a mistake in my humble opinion.

Israeli Missile Strikes Against Iran

Q. On the Iran strike, is this the end of it?

The President. On the Iran strike, I had a—I had a long—the reason we're a little late—I was on with the intelligence community for the last half-hour—[inaudible]—half-hour. And it looks like they didn't hit anything other than military targets. My hope is, this is the end.

Foreign Interference in 2024 Presidential Election

Q. Mr. President, the Chinese seemed to have hacked the Trump and Harris campaigns. Will there be repercussions for Beijing?

The President. Well, I've got to find out more about that, but I'm getting that brief when I get back as to what they did, how much they hacked, and so on.

Q. But if you find out that they did it, will there be repercussions?

The President. We'll have to talk about it.

Israeli Missile Strikes Against Iran

Q. Mr. President, did you get a heads-up from Israel on the Iran strike? Did you get any heads-up?

The President. Yes.

Communications Between Former President Donald J. Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel

Q. How worried are you that former President Trump seems to be talking to Bibi Netanyahu quite frequently?

The President. Well, you know, the criticism is Trump is talking with Bibi, but Trump works for—Trump's works—Bibi——

Trump works—talks to Bibi, and his good multibillionaire friend talks to him a lot too. So I guess they're all three friends.

Q. Are you not concerned at all that he seems to be doing diplomacy while he's not really representing the United States?

The President. Yes.

Q. What did you——

The President. But I'm not surprised.

Former President Donald J. Trump/2024 Presidential Election

Q. Sorry, sir. What did you think of Trump's "America is garbage" comments comparing America being an—essentially in the trash can?

The President. Look, Trump has no class at all. Zero. None.

Think of—all kidding aside, if we—if this wasn't a political campaign, how would you characterize the man in terms of his manners, his decency?

I mean, it's beneath a President.

North Korea-Russia Military Cooperation

Q. Mr. President, the North Korean troops in Russia, what kind of options do you have to respond to that? And when might we see a response there?

The President. We have options, and it depends on what they do.

Thank you so very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:26 a.m. on the tarmac at Philadelphia International Airport upon arrival from Delaware Air National Guard Base, DE, en route to Pittsburgh, PA. In his remarks, he referred to entrepreneur Elon R. Musk. Reporters referred to Vice President Kamala D. Harris, in her capacity as the 2024 Democratic Presidential nominee. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 28.

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