

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024*

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

*December 17, 2024*

*The President's Schedule*

*Q.* President Biden, do you have any plans to speak to the press before you leave office?

*The President.* Sure.

I'm heading home now for a memorial service.

*Q.* Will you hold a press conference before the end of the year?

*Reported Drone Sightings in New Jersey*

*Q.* Mr. President, what's the explanation for all of those drones over New Jersey? What—what's behind all of that?

*The President.* Nothing nefarious, apparently, but they're checking it all out. There's a—they think it's just one—there's a lot of drones authorized to be up there. And I think one started, and they all got—everybody wanted to get in the deal.

But I'm—we're following it closely. So far, no sense of a danger.

*Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel*

*Q.* Will you speak to Prime Minister Netanyahu about a cease-fire deal in the next month?

*The President.* I've spoken to him, and I'll—we'll speak again.

*Q.* When did you last speak?

*The President.* Thank you. Thank you, guys.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 8:50 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 18.

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