

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2025

Remarks With Prime Minister Keir Starmer of the United Kingdom After Signing the United States of America–United Kingdom Economic Prosperity Deal and an Exchange With Reporters in Kananaskis, Canada

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President Trump. Okay. Thank you very much.

We all know the great Prime Minister of the U.K., and we just signed a document. This is—
whoa.

[At this point, President Trump dropped some papers.]

Sorry about that. *[Laughter]*

[Prime Minister Starmer picked up the papers.]

President Trump. A little windy out here.

Prime Minister Starmer. A very important document. *[Laughter]*

President Trump. It's a little—a little windy out here. Give me that little—we just signed it, and it's done. And so we have our trade agreement with the European Union, and it's a fair deal for both. It will produce a lot of jobs, a lot of income. And we have other—many, many other ones coming.

But you see the level of enthusiasm is very good. But the relationship that we have is fantastic. So I just want to congratulate you.

Prime Minister Starmer. Well, Donald, thank you very much.

President Trump. Thank you very much.

Prime Minister Starmer. This now implements, on car tariffs and aerospace, our really important agreement. And so this is a very good day for both of our countries, a real sign of strength.

So thank you again, Donald. A really important day for both of us.

President Trump. Great people. Great people.

United Kingdom–U.S. Trade Agreement

Q. Has any—has anything changed in the agreement since you spoke on the phone in—from the Oval Office?

President Trump. Not much.

Prime Minister Starmer. No.

President Trump. Not much.

Prime Minister Starmer. This is implementing.

[Several reporters began asking questions at once.]

Q. Is steel included?

Israel/Iran

Q. May I ask you a question, please? G-7 leaders are calling for deescalation in Israel and Iran, but you are the key to unlocking that.

President Trump. That's right. And here I am.

Q. And here you are.

President Trump. Yeas.

Q. So can I ask you, sir, have you spoken to Prime Minister Netanyahu, when might you speak to him, and what do you——

President Trump. I've spoken to everybody.

Q. What will you say?

President Trump. Israel is doing very well, as you probably noticed. And I gave Iran 60 days, and they said no, and on the 61st, you saw what happened. Day 61. So I'm in constant touch.

And as I've been saying, I think a deal will be signed or something will happen, but a deal will be signed. And I think Iran is foolish not to sign one.

[*Several reporters spoke at once.*]

Iran/Nuclear Weapons Development

Q. Mr. President, Iran is accusing Netanyahu of attacking them to deliberately derail your nuclear plan that you had. What do you say that? Do you—do you think that's true?

President Trump. No. No. They——

Q. And——

President Trump. Look, Iran should have signed the deal.

Iran/U.S. Diplomatic Efforts

Q. If it would help bring Iran to the negotiating table, would you guarantee that the U.S. would not get involved militarily?

President Trump. Well, I think this: I think Iran basically is at the negotiating table. They want to make a deal. And as soon as I leave here, we're going to be doing something, but I have to leave here. I have, you know, this commitment. I have a lot of commitments. I have a commitment to a lot of countries, including the U.K., where we just signed our deal.

[*Several reporters spoke at once.*]

Q. What will you be doing?

Q. Mr.—on Russia. On Russia-Ukraine, Mr. President, when will——

Tariffs on U.S. Steel Imports

Q. Mr. President, where—where are you settling on steel tariffs with respect to the U.K.? Are those going to zero, or are they staying at 25?

President Trump. We're going to let you have that information in a little while.

[*Several reporters spoke at once.*]

Russia/Ukraine

Q. On Russia-Ukraine talks, sir. On U.S.-Russia talks, when will they restart?

President Trump. They're starting already.

Q. Today?

Q. Mr. President, do you agree——

President Trump. They're starting.

Russia/U.S. Sanctions

Q. ——to the European—[*inaudible*]—refused to apply more sanctions on Russia? Does the U.S. support that?

President Trump. Well, Europe is saying that, but they haven't done it yet. Let's see them do it first.

[*Several reporters spoke at once.*]

Russia/U.S. Diplomatic Efforts

Q. You told me earlier that you could sanction Russia. Why wait? Why wait to sanction them?

President Trump. Because I'm waiting to see whether or not a deal is done.

Q. Can you guarantee the U.K. won't be subject to any future——

President Trump. And don't forget, you know, sanctions cost us a lot of money. When I sanction a country, that costs the U.S. a lot of money, a tremendous amount of money. It's not just "Let's sign a document." You're talking about billions and billions of dollars. Sanctions are not that easy. It's not just a one-way street.

Q. And just quickly, do you think that Israel can——

AUKUS Trilateral Security Partnership

Q. Mr. President, on AUKUS, sir, the submarine agreement. Is that still proceeding? You've initiated a sort of review of that.

Prime Minister Starmer. Yes, we're proceeding with that. It's a really important deal to both of us. I think the president is doing a review. We did a review when we came into government, so that makes good sense to me. But it's a really important——

President Trump. We're very longtime partners and allies and friends, and we've become friends in a short period of time. He's slightly more liberal than I am—[*laughter*]—to put it mildly.

Prime Minister Starmer. Always stand slightly on the left, but we make——

President Trump. But for some reason, we get along.

Prime Minister Starmer. [*Laughter*] We make it work.

[*Several reporters spoke at once.*]

Q. Mr. President—[*inaudible*]—Ukraine get in the way of arming Israel?

Russia/Ukraine

Q. One thing on Russia: There's quite a few British voters who worry you side more with the Russians over the Ukraine war. Can you reassure British people that is not the case?

President Trump. No. No, I just—you know what I side on? Saving lives. I only care about saving lives.

We have nothing to do with it except that Biden stupidly let us get into that mess and gave him \$350 billion—\$350 billion. And yet, despite that, you saw how we did in the Middle East. We took in \$5.1 trillion. We have \$15 trillion almost—looking around that number—going to be invested in the U.S.

So the money is not the thing in this case. It's 5,000 young people are being killed every week in Russia-Ukraine. And if I can stop that, I'll be very happy.

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

They're Ukrainian, and they're Russian——

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

——so you could say what am I doing. But I'd like to see if I could stop it.

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

Israel/Iran

Q. Do you think that—do you think that Israel can fully eliminate the threat that Iran poses, this nuclear threat that they pose, without the United States military help?

President Trump. Who said that?

Q. No, I'm asking if you believe they can without the——

President Trump. Well, it doesn't——

Q. ——the help of the U.S.

President Trump. It's irrelevant. Something's going to happen.

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

Q. Have you spoken to the—*[inaudible]*?

Iran/U.S. Diplomatic Efforts

Q. Mr. President, would you consider traveling to the Mid-East as part of any talks if it would help broker a deal in Iran?

President Trump. Yes. Yes. But I think we're doing pretty well. We're talking.

Q. You don't think you'll need to?

President Trump. We have a thing called a telephone—*[laughter]*—so we're talking. But——

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

But it's always better to talk in person.

Iran/Nuclear Weapons Development

Q. Mr. President, do you want to see a regime change in Iran?

President Trump. I want to see no nuclear weapon in Iran, and we're well on our way to making sure that happens.

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

Prime Minister Starmer. And we've had a discussion about that this morning. There's a—in the G-7, absolutely clarity in relation to the nuclear program. We do not want to see it.

United Kingdom–U.S. Trade Agreement

Q. Mr. President, can you guarantee the U.K. will be protected from any future tariffs?

President Trump. What?

Q. Will you—can you guarantee the U.K. will be protected from any future tariffs?

President Trump. The U.K. is very well protected. You know why? Because I like them. That's why. *[Laughter]* That's their ultimate protection.

Q. Mr. President——

President Trump. Thank you very much. The Prime Minister has done a great job. I want to just tell that to the people of the United Kingdom. He's done a very, very good job.

You know, he's done what other people—they've been talking about this deal for 6 years, right?

Prime Minister Starmer. Six years.

President Trump. And he's done what they haven't been able to do. So he's done, really, a very good job.

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

Q. Do you have any response to Tucker Carlson criticizing you, saying that you are complicit in the war?

President Trump. I don't know what Tucker Carlson is saying. Let him go get a television network and say it so that people listen.

Thank you.

Prime Minister Starmer. Thank you.

Q. And quickly, have you spoken to Zelenskyy before your bilat?

President Trump. Thank you.

Trade Negotiations

Q. Are there anymore trade deals to come, Mr. President?

President Trump. Yes. A lot of them.

Japan-U.S. Trade

Q. Japan?

President Trump. A lot of them.

Japan-U.S. Relations

Q. How'd it go with the Japanese, sir? Did you meet——

President Trump. Well.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:58 p.m. at the Kananaskis Mountain Lodge. In his remarks, he referred to former President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; and Tucker Carlson, host, TCN's "Tucker Carlson Show." Reporters referred to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel; and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine. The transcript was released by the Office of Communications on June 17.

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