

*Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2025*

**Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Following a Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia**  
*September 11, 2025*

*The President.* Hello, Steve [Steve A. Holland, Reuters].

*Assassination of Turning Point U.S.A. Founder and Executive Director Charles J. Kirk in Orem, Utah*

*Q.* It's good to see you. First of all, we're praying for you, Mr. President.

*The President.* I can't believe Charlie—what a great guy he was.

*Death of Charles J. Kirk*

*Q.* Have you had chance to speak to his family or anything like that, Mr. President?

*The President.* [Inaudible] I have it set for this afternoon.

*Q.* You're set to speak to them this afternoon?

*The President.* [Inaudible]—is wonderful woman too.

*Turning Point U.S.A. Founder and Executive Director Charles J. Kirk*

*Q.* How do you bring people together after something like this?

*The President.* Well, we're going to be talking about it very soon. We will——

*Q.* Have you heard anything else on the——

*The President.* We will be discussing it. You don't replace a Charlie Kirk. He was unique, as you all know. You know as well as I do, he was a unique man. But we'll do the best we can.

*Investigation Into the Assassination of Turning Point U.S.A. Founder and Executive Director Charles J. Kirk in Orem, Utah*

*Q.* Anything on the investigation, or anything on the latest that you've heard from the FBI or Kash Patel?

*The President.* No, they've reported to me so far pretty much what you're seeing in the news, is what it is. They have a virtual manhunt out there, so we'll see what happens. We hope we get him.

Thank you.

*Q.* Sir, thank you, Mr. President.

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NOTE: The President spoke at 10:19 a.m. at the Pentagon Chapel. In his remarks, he referred to Erika Kirk, wife of Mr. Kirk. A reporter referred to Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Kashyap P. "Kash" Patel.

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