

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2025

**Remarks and an Exchange With Reporters Prior to Departure for Glendale,
Arizona**

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The President. So we're going to celebrate the life of a great man today. Really a great man. He's a young man, but a great man.

And we look forward to it. It really is—we want to look at it as a time of healing, a time of whatever. That something like this could have happened is not even believable.

So we'll be—we're going to have a very interesting day, a very tough day.

Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi

Q. Mr. President, will you fire Pam Bondi if Letitia James is not indicted?

The President. No, I—she's doing a great job. Pam Bondi is doing a great job. I think Pam Bondi is going to go down as one of the best Attorney Generals of the ages.

New York State Attorney General Letitia James

Q. Have you ever threatened DOJ leadership if they don't prosecute Letitia James or Jim Comey?

The President. No, I don't do that. I don't do that. I mean, I look at the facts like everybody else. You read the facts. And to me, she looks terrible. She looks like she's very guilty. But that's going to be up to the DOJ.

Memorial Service for Turning Point U.S.A. Founder and Executive Director Charles J. Kirk

Q. What do you hope tell Erika and the rest of the family today?

The President. Well, I'm going to just give them my love. There's nothing much you can say. It's—you talk about the great things he's done. I mean, he's been amazing. He's had a tremendous influence. For a young man that was—did a great job. He did a tremendous job.

And he had a hold on youth because they loved him, they respected them. And you know, if you go back 10 years, those colleges were dangerous places for conservatives, and now they're hot. They're very hot, just like this country is hot. This country is doing so well. We're the hottest country anywhere in the world now.

Venezuela

Q. The President of Venezuela said that he wrote a letter to you asking to negotiate. Did you get the letter? And what is your response to it?

The President. Well, I don't want to say, but we'll see what happens with Venezuela. I don't want to say—[inaudible].

Russia/Regional Military Activity

Q. Will you help defend Poland and the Baltic States from Russia if Russia keeps escalating?

The President. Yes, I would. I will.

Press Access to the U.S. Military

Q. Mr. President, should the Pentagon be in control of what reporters can report on?

The President. What is it?

Q. Should the Pentagon be in charge of deciding what reporters can report on?

The President. No, I don't think so. Nothing—nothing——

Q. Are you against them—[*inaudible*]*—that?*

The President. Listen, nothing stops reporters. You know that.

Estonia/Russian Military Activity

Q. [*Inaudible*]*—the situation in Estonia, Russian jets?*

The President. Yes, we don't like it.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:47 a.m. on the Soth Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One. Reporters referred to former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James B. Comey; Erika Kirk, wife of Mr. Kirk, who was assassinated while speaking on the campus of Utah Valley University in Orem, UT, on September 10; and President Nicolas Maduro Moros of Venezuela. The transcript was released by the Office of Communications on September 22.

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