

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With President Alexander Stubb and Prime Minister Petteri Orpo of Finland and an Exchange With Reporters

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President Trump. I set a record. We have both the President of Finland, and we have the Prime Minister of Finland. And that's never—I don't—ever remember having a President and a Prime Minister, but that's a great honor. And thank you very much, both, for being here. And, Alex, we've been friends for a long time, and I've heard wonderful things about your prime minister also.

And we have a big order coming up. We're buying icebreakers. We're building them together, for the most part. We're doing four over there and seven over here. And we negotiated a pretty tough price, I think. But I assume you're going to do very well. But what you're doing is you're going to be teaching us about the icebreaker business. Very, very strong.

We only have one icebreaker. In all of that millions and millions of acres, we only have one icebreaker. And other countries have more than we do. And we're buying the finest icebreakers in the world, and Finland is known for making them. They sort of have almost a monopoly on icebreakers, if you think about it. Nobody makes them like Finland. I've heard that for a long time.

So we're going to have a total of 11. And it's been really an honor working on it. It was very important. We were making them, but we didn't make them right. By the time we're finished, we're going to make them maybe better than you, but at least as well.

President Stubb. Yes.

President Trump. But probably not better, but at least as well. So I appreciate both of you being here. It's an honor to have both of you. Really tremendous reputations. And it's a great country. Thank you very much.

President Stubb. Yes.

President Trump. Alex, would you like to say something?

President Stubb. Yes, no, thank—thank you, Mr. President. I mean, I remember our first conversation just after you had been elected in November. The first thing you mentioned was icebreakers—"We need them." And then we've been working on this issue ever since. And we're happy to announce that we're basically building 11 icebreakers together, 4 of them in Finland, in joint endeavors, and then 7 of them here.

And I think the reason that we've landed in Finland is that 60 percent of the world's icebreakers are built in Finland.

President Trump. Right.

President Stubb. Eighty percent are designed. We've been building them for over a hundred years. And speaking of price and time, I think we're the country that can provide them half the price in half the time than others have. And I think it's a huge strategic decision by the president as well, because we all know that the Arctic is important strategically—

President Trump. Right.

President Stubb. —militarily, and in terms of the economy as well. And now we can work on this together.

Finland is a strange country in the sense that we are probably the only country in the world where all the ports are frozen in the winter, and that's why we built the know-how in icebreakers. Now we can work on this together. And I remember the first conversation we had. You know, you mentioned the fact that Russia has 40 and you need to start ramping this up, and this is an indication that we're going to do it and we're going to do it together.

I also think that this strengthens our bilateral relations. I know I come from a small country, but for us to be able to work together with you is extremely important from a strategic perspective as well. So we appreciate the cooperation, and we're going to deliver the first one 2028.

President Trump. Good. Just a little bit before a big event.

President Stubb. Yes. *[Laughter]* That's true.

President Trump. But that's great. And, actually, it's true. We were—I came here, and they were building an icebreaker, and they had no idea what they were doing. They had no idea how much it was going to cost. They knew nothing. And we have our Secretary of the Navy right over here. We're working on a lot more than icebreakers. We're working on some very, very big and important ships.

But they had no idea what they were doing. And I was with you, and I ended up meeting you and knowing you, and I heard about Finland and their icebreakers. And I said: "Do me a favor. Would you have your people take a look at what these people are doing?" And it came out that, just as I thought, they had no idea what they were doing. And we got involved, and we ended up—we need these ships very badly, because we have a lot of territory, more than anybody. And so I'm very honored to have this deal.

And thank you very much. It's——

President Stubb. Well, thank you.

President Trump. It's going to be great. It's going to be a great partnership.

And it's a great honor to have you, Mr. Prime Minister. Would you like to say something, please?

Prime Minister Petteri Orpo. First, Mr. President, thank you very much. It's a great honor to meet you here today. And as a prime minister of Finland, I want to say that this deal is—it's very important to Finland and our economy, because our economy is suffering a lot because of Russian aggression in Ukraine. And this deal, it means investments, it means jobs, and jobs means hope. That's why this is so important. And I want to thank your leadership on this deal and this issue. Thank you.

President Trump. So you've been affected very badly by the war going on—the ridiculous war going on, right?

Prime Minister Orpo. Yes, because we had to close the border with Russia. We have 1,300 kilometers common border with them. And it affects the atmosphere in Finland, investments, and that's why we need good news. Our people need hope.

President Trump. Right. So your border is closed?

Prime Minister Orpo. It's closed, yes.

President Trump. And that's because you have so many Russians trying to get in?

Prime Minister Orpo. Yes, they started to push illegal migrants over the border. That's why we were forced to close the——

President Trump. And people also that don't want to go into the military, I guess, trying to come through.

President Stubb. Yes, some of them are escaping. And fortunately, on our side, we don't have that problem in Finland.

President Trump. You know, you have a great military.

President Stubb. It's—yes, we have—I mean, we have compulsory military service. And as I always say, with 900,000 men and women who've done it, including myself and the Prime Minister, we have 200——

President Trump. And you've been fighting Russia for a long time. So how many years have you been indirectly fighting Russia, from that?

President Stubb. Well, put it this way: We have managed our relationship since the 1300s with about 30 skirmishes, but it's been very peaceful at our border after World War II.

President Trump. Is that right? 1300s? Great.

President Stubb. Yes, but we—it's been peaceful at our border since the Winter War and the War of Continuation. But, I mean, a lot of it is because we actually have a very large military. It's the biggest in Europe, together with Turkey, Ukraine, and Poland. We have over 60 F-18s. We just bought 64 F-35s.

President Trump. That's right. Yes.

President Stubb. We'll roll out the first one in Texas in December. We have the biggest artillery in Europe, together with Poland. And as I always say, we don't have it because we're worried about Stockholm.

President Trump. Well, do you really have, proportionately, I think, the largest military in the world. Proportionately.

President Stubb. It's quite big, yes. I have to admit. But, you know, we have it for defense purposes and also to build a deterrence.

President Trump. Right.

President Stubb. And it's worked, and I think that's one of the reasons that our relationship is so good as well.

We have the defense cooperation agreement with you.

President Trump. Right.

President Stubb. We're new allies in NATO. Our defense expenditure is going north of 3 percent. We work very closely with you and the rest of our allies. And you know, when you pushed the ceiling of defense expenditure in NATO to 5 percent, you can imagine that a country like Finland was quite pleased with that because that means that all of the allies have to bring up their defense expenditure, and you basically increased our security just with that decision in the Hague.

And I have to admit that, having been to my first NATO summit in the summer of 2024, if someone would have told me that you will move from 2 percent to 5 percent after Trump enters, I would have said, "Go see a doctor." [*Laughter*] But you know, you did it.

President Trump. Well, we had to do it, and you were—you were great about it. Spain has not been. Spain is the one that didn't do it. And so I think you people are going to have to start

speaking to Spain. The only one that didn't do it—the only NATO country that didn't do it is Spain. And you'll figure what that's all about. Right?

President Stubb. Yes, I mean, we'll work—and I think with the leadership also, Mark Rutte——

President Trump. Yes. He's great.

President Stubb. ——the Secretary General of NATO, I think, you know, there are a lot of commitments that have to take place, and this, of course, is going to also increase industrial defense exchanges.

I think we buy four times more military material here from the U.S., and I think it's an essential part of our whole military setup in Europe. And it's good to be working on this together.

But there's one thing that I wanted to mention also. I want to congratulate you for what we have seen in the past 24 hours in Gaza.

President Trump. Thank you. Thank you.

President Stubb. I think it's a historic deal. I went through the 20 points. It's almost like the "best of" record. You really see all the key elements. And if someone would have said a few weeks back that you and your team are able to push us to a position where there will be a cease-fire; an exchange of prisoners, hostages; and then a pullback, I would not have believed it. But it's—this is what diplomacy is at its best, and I think——

President Trump. Thank you.

President Stubb. ——it's a potentially huge deal. So congratulations to you and your team.

President Trump. It's peace—peace in the Middle East. That's actually——

President Stubb. Peace in the Middle East, yes.

President Trump. And every country came together. Every single country came together. And people are shocked by it. But it's an amazing situation. Nobody thought it was going to happen.

Thank you very much. And you've been of help too. You help always. But we are really working more closely together, having to do with Russia-Ukraine.

President Stubb. Yes. Yes.

President Trump. And I would have thought that would have been easier, because that would be number eight for me—number eight. And I would have thought the Russia deal maybe would have been one of the easier ones. And unfortunately, last week, they had over 7,000 soldiers die unnecessarily. So it's a terrible thing, but I think we'll be getting there, hopefully, soon.

President Stubb. Yes, probably we'll go—I mean, or you will be going piece by piece. I mean, there are only so many agreements that you can get done. And I think this one will be the next big one. Of course, this one needs to stick, and I'm sure it will, because the incentives are all there, and then we'll continue to work.

I mean, the last time I was here in the Oval Office was with the other European leaders in——

President Trump. Right.

President Stubb. ——in August, and I think we did a lot of good advancement there on security arrangements. I think you pushed us Europeans hard not to buy oil and gas from Russia, which I think is a very correct decision. Europe just put down its 19th sanctions package. I think

Russia is actually right now, both economically and militarily, not in a very strong place, and I think it's because of the commitments that we've made to Ukraine. So, you know, day by day on this one.

President Trump. Yes. We're going to get it worked out.

Questions, please?

Q. President—question for President Stubb. You have time and again said that one should not underestimate Mr. Trump's negotiating ability. Do you personally believe that Mr. Trump deserves to win the Nobel Peace Prize tomorrow?

President Stubb. Well, I think that's probably a decision that comes from the Nobel Committee. And my take is that there are two key pieces that have to be solved in the big picture. One is in the Middle East, and we're seeing the results of that. And then the other one is between Russia and Ukraine. And once those are solved, you know—and I don't see any impediments to it.

Q. Do you plan to nominate Mr. Trump next year if he doesn't win?

President Stubb. This year? I think probably the best nomination would be coming from Zelenskyy and then the King of Jordan. Those would be two that would come.

But I think you have to—I mean, my experience with Nobel—the Nobel Peace Prize comes from Martti Ahtisaari, the former President of Finland. He got it in 2008. And he got it because he negotiated three peace agreements on three different continents—Namibia in Africa, Kosovo-Serbia in Europe, and then Aceh in Indonesia. And his message was always that when you do a peace agreement, the key is that it looks like an equal match, that the big guy doesn't win over the small guy, and vice versa.

But I have to say that the track record of the president of the United States in the past 7 months, 8 months is rather impressive.

Peace Efforts in the Middle East

Q. Thank you so much, Mr. President. First of all, thank you, all of you, on behalf of the State of Israel for everything that you're doing——

President Trump. Thank you.

Q. —for my country. I wanted to know, how do you see the Middle East in a year from now, under your leadership, and if you see maybe option for normalization between Israeli and—Israel and Saudi Arabia?

President Trump. I think it's going to be great. I think it's—the hostages will be coming back Monday or Tuesday. I'm probably be—I'll probably be there. I hope to be there. And we're planning on leaving sometime Sunday, and I look forward to it. And everybody I see is celebrating in Israel, but they're celebrating in many other countries too. A lot of the Muslim and Arab countries, they're celebrating. Everybody is celebrating. Everybody loves the deal.

So it's a great honor to have been working on it. And as you know, it's all finalized and done. We've had a lot of terrifically talented people. We've had tremendous support from U.A.E., Saudi Arabia. Qatar has been unbelievable. Unbelievable. Egypt, as you know, and Jordan, Indonesia. I mean, it's—I don't want to leave anybody out. Just so many—so many different countries. It's been incredible—nobody has seen anything like it.

So I think in a year from now, it's going to be great. I think it's going to be great.

Nobel Prize for Peace/Russia/Ukraine

Q. Mr. President, how do you rate your chances of winning the Nobel Peace Prize tomorrow?

President Trump. Well, I don't know. Look, I made seven deals, and now it's eight. Solved the wars—one going for 31 years, one going 34 years, one going 35 years, one going 10 years. I made seven deals. This would be number eight. The one I thought that I was going to make—and I think we will probably—is—because it's a ridiculous war, it's a horrible war—the worst since World War II. You look at the people dying is—Russia-Ukraine. I think we'll do that too. If—a lot of reasons for them to do it, and I think they'll be coming to the table pretty soon.

But this was—this is the biggest of them all. This is a big one, although I think India and Pakistan is very big. Two nuclear nations. I made that—I did that based on trade and because of the tariffs. If we didn't have tariffs, you wouldn't have been able to do it.

But I said, "If you—if you guys are going to fight, I'm putting 100-percent tariffs on each of you." And they immediately stopped fighting. And that was going—that was going to go nuclear. You know, that was back and forth.

So I know one thing. I don't know what they're going to do, really, but I know this: that nobody in history has solved eight wars in a period of 9 months, and I've stopped eight wars. So that's never happened before.

But they'll have to do what they do. Whatever they do is fine. I know this: I didn't do it for that; I did it because I saved a lot of lives. And that's the thing that bothers me so much about the Russia-Ukraine. Seven thousand people are dying a week—young soldiers. They're almost all soldiers of Ukraine and Russia. So, in theory, it doesn't affect us, no. But it's a terrible thing. And we'll get that solved too.

But nobody has ever done eight wars. Nobody has done eight wars in 30 years, let alone 9 months.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Q. Are you going to step up the pressure for a Ukraine deal between——

President Trump. Yes, we are stepping up the pressure. We're stepping it up together. We're all stepping it up. NATO has been great. The leader of NATO, as you know—Mark—has been fantastic, I think. I think he's a fantastic guy. And they are stepping it up.

And we're selling a lot of weapons to NATO, and that's going, I guess, to Ukraine, for the most part. That's up to them. But they're buying weapons from the U.S. We make the greatest weapons in the world.

You buy our planes and a lot of our equipment, and you have a big force, actually. You have a tremendous force of equipment.

So I think we'll get that one done too, yes.

Q. Mr. President?

Q. Mr. President——

President Trump. Finnish? Yes. I want Finnish media.

All right.

Q. Mr. President—Mr.—I'm from Finland. Mr. President, I'm from Finland.

President Trump. Is he okay? *[Laughter]*

Q. Yes. Am I okay?

President Trump. You're—[laughter]——

President Stubb. He's all right.

President Trump. You're from Finland? You look great. Go ahead.

Finland/North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Q. Yeah. President, you're buying icebreakers from Finland.

President Trump. Yes.

Q. But what if Russia and Vladimir Putin attacks Finland? Would you defend Finland?

President Trump. I would. Yes, I would. They're a member of NATO. I would, and they're great people. But I don't think that's going to happen. I don't think he's going to do that. I think the chances of that are very, very small. But it's very interesting, because you have a very big military relative to your size. You have a very powerful military, one of the best. And—but certainly we will be there to help. Okay?

Q. Thank you. That's great.

[Several reporters began asking questions at once.]

President Trump. Okay. Please.

Finland-U.S. Security Cooperation

Q. Mr. President, thank you. We have a big border, as our President said. How would you exactly defend Finland? And—yes. Thank you.

President Trump. Say what?

President Stubb. How would you defend Finland?

President Trump. Vigorously. [Laughter]

President Stubb. Can I just add—can I just add on that? We're very pleased with the fact that we have so much training going on with American soldiers right now.

President Trump. That's right.

President Stubb. So they're getting experience from Arctic conditions, and we're integrating our militaries together, working not only through the DCA agreement but other ways as well.

We see that day to day in the work that we do, and it's working well.

President Trump. Okay?

Yes. Please.

Q. Yes. Thank you. How do you see this——

President Trump. Where are you from?

Q. I'm from Finland too.

President Stubb. Only Finns here.

President Trump. You have a lot of——

President Stubb. Yes, a lot of Finns.

President Trump. It's very impressive.

Q. So, Mr. President——

President Trump. I like them better than our reporters though. [Laughter]

Finland-U.S. Relations/North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Q. Thank you. So how do you see the situation in the Arctic developing? Are there going to be any mutual plans be—for Finland—for Finland and U.S. to cooperate?

President Trump. Yes, we will. I mean, we have a lot of relationships together. I mean, mostly buying our military equipment. They buy a lot of it. They have an order, I guess, 60 planes——

President Stubb. Sixty-four.

President Trump. Sixty-four F-35s and many other things too. It's a big order. Big countries don't order that many planes. You know, that's a——

President Stubb. \$10 million, yes.

President Trump. You have a lot of aircraft, a lot of great military.

We make the best military equipment. They buy a lot from us, so it's—it's very good.

We're going to work together very closely with Finland and with NATO. We have a very good relationship. As you know, I requested that they pay 5 percent, not 2 percent, and most people thought that was not going to happen. And it happened virtually unanimously. We had one laggard. It was Spain. Spain.

You have to call them and find why are they a laggard. And they're doing well too. You know, they're fine, I think, because of a lot of the things we've done. They're doing fine. They have no excuse not to do this. But that's all right. Maybe you should throw them out of NATO, frankly.

Yeah, please. Please. Go ahead.

Q. What are you planning to do——

President Trump. Tall gentleman. Nice tall gentleman, go ahead. In the yellow shirt.

President Trump's Planned Visit to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland

Q. Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to change gears really quickly and ask you: You're going to Walter Reed tomorrow. Are you—what are you having done? And do you—how are you feeling?

President Trump. I'm meeting with the troops, and I'm also going to do a sort of semi-annual physical, which I do. And I think I'm in great shape, but I'll let you know. But no, I have no difficulty thus far.

Is there wood around here? I'll knock on——

[*President Trump knocked on the table.*]

No difficulty. Physically, I feel very good. Mentally, I feel very good. You know, I did—about 6, 7 months ago—I do physicals. I like to—when I'm around, I like to check. Always early. Always be early. It's a lesson for a lot of people. But I also did a cognitive exam, which is always very risky, because if I didn't do well, you'd be the first to be blaring it. And I had a perfect score. And one of the doctors said he's almost never seen a perfect score. I had a perfect—a perfect score. I got the highest score. And that made me feel good.

When they asked, "Would I like to do one?" I said, "Yes." I said, "Did Obama do it?" "No." "Did Bush do it?" "No." "Did Biden do it?" I definitely didn't—Biden would have gotten the first three questions right. No, Biden didn't do it. Biden should have done it.

I'm actually a person that believes that if you're President, you should do a cognitive exam. But last time, I took a cognitive exam, and it was a perfect score. The doctors announced it.

And by the way, not the easiest test. The first few questions are pretty easy. Once you get into the middle, it gets a little trickier. And there aren't a lot of people in this room that would get every single question right, I can guarantee you.

President Stubb. You're putting me in a difficult spot. [Laughter] Next—next question.

Nobel Prize for Peace

Q. [Inaudible]—Nobel Peace Prize for way less than you did, and you—Obama—President Obama got the Nobel Peace Prize for way less.

President Trump. He got a prize for doing nothing.

Q. Exactly.

President Trump. Obama got a prize. He didn't even know what he got—he got elected, and they gave it to Obama for doing absolutely nothing but destroying our country. Now, he was a lot—he was not a good President. The worst President was Sleepy Joe Biden, but Obama was not a good president.

Q. Are you going to do something with—[inaudible]?

President Trump. They gave him a prize. How many months after he—he won the election, then they gave him the Peace Prize, right?

Vice President James D. "J.D." Vance. It was right afterwards.

President Trump. My election was a much more important election.

Lebanon

Q. Now that you you're fixing the situation with—between Hamas and Israel, are you going to be taking care of the Hizballah or Armed—the Lebanese Armed Forces, particularly Hezbollah?

President Trump. We'll get into that. Yes, we'll be able to do that. That will be—it's a smaller part of the puzzle, but very important part. They have a great new Ambassador that I appointed, Michel. Great new Ambassador. So yes.

Please.

Hostages Held in Gaza, Palestinian Territories

Q. You said the hostages will be released on Monday or Tuesday. What's your strict deadline? When do they have to get released? And how do you make sure each party abides by the deal?

President Trump. Well, I think it's going to be Monday or Tuesday. It's going to be around that time, yeah. They're working on it very hard. They're in very diverse parts of the Earth. Okay? They're very, very diverse. Actually, it's—they're going to—I think they're going to come through—I'd be surprised if they didn't. I think it will happen.

Go ahead.

U.S. Cease-Fire Proposal Between Hamas and Israel

Q. Thank you, sir. The 19th point of the 20-point plan said in the future there could be conditions in which the Palestinians might eventually get a state. Under what conditions do you think the Palestinians could have their own state in the future?

President Trump. Well, we'll look at it at the time. We're going to see how it all goes. And you know, there's a point at which we may do something that would be a little bit different and maybe very positive for everybody. But we'll be looking at that at the time.

And I think we'll get to that. I think we'll get to that period too.

Yes, please.

Q. Mr. President.

President Trump. Yes, please. Glasses.

Europe-U.S. Military Cooperation

Q. Thank you. Mr. President, the United States has previously said that you—you would be—that Europe would have to take more responsibility for its own security. Are you or the U.S. planning to withdraw some of the U.S. forces from the European soil?

President Trump. No, but we may move some around a little bit.

I'd ask you that question, Pete. Go ahead.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Peter B. Hegseth. I think that's right, Mr. President. We're looking at—we're very much heartened by your leadership to get NATO to rise up to 5 percent, which means they can take primary responsibility for defense of the continent. But that doesn't mean America is abandoning NATO and Europe, but we could look at where our troops are postured, what makes the most sense for America, and our NATO allies.

President Trump. We have a lot of troops in Europe, as you know. A lot. And we can move them around a little bit. But no, basically, we'll be pretty much set.

Go ahead. What's your second?

Russia/U.S. Sanctions

Q. My second question would be: Are you planning to impose more sanctions on Russia at this point?

President Trump. I might, yes. I might.

U.S. Cease-Fire Proposal Between Hamas and Israel

Q. Mr. President, your 20-point plan says, "We will encourage people to stay." Can you confirm that, as Gaza is rebuilt, that no one will be forced to leave?

President Trump. Nobody is going to be forced to leave. No, it's just the opposite.

This is a great plan. This is a great peace plan. This a plan that was supported by everybody. I mean, as I said, they're dancing in the streets of many, many countries right now. It's amazing. I've never seen anything like it.

No, we're not looking to do that at all.

Go ahead, please.

Lapse in Federal Government Appropriations

Q. Mr. President, can you cut through the politics on the shutdown? We had another failed vote today. Can you speak to our viewers from Orlando to Sacramento? What's your message to some of these families tonight facing missed paychecks, potential layoffs, and missed benefits due to the shutdown?

President Trump. Yes, blame the Democrats. They ought to call their local Democrat representative, whether it's a senator or a congressman. And it's their fault. I mean, they admit it, it's their fault. They campaigned on the fact that they'd never shut down the country, but they want to shut it down.

And you know, we have the greatest economy. We're the hottest country in the world right now. I think you'd admit that. The hottest country. We went from a dead country a year ago to the hottest country in the world. So I think they probably don't like that.

But we're doing great. I mean, we're doing great.

I would say my message is: Call your local Representative, Congressman or Senator, and tell them to get on the ball. The Democrats have caused this problem.

Yes, please.

Q. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Trump. Where are you from?

Q. I'm from Finland.

President Trump. I love Finland. They're so nice. [*Laughter*] Uh-oh. Here we go with a——

Q. Yes. So——

President Trump. Here we go with a killer question.

Arctic Icebreakers/Finland-U.S. Trade

Q. I would like to circle back to the icebreaker deal. So Finland and the U.S. are strengthening their economic partnership——

President Trump. Yes.

Q. ——for the deal. What other areas of cooperation with Finland do you see as possible for——at this moment?

President Trump. Good question. We're going to be talking about that in a little while. We're going into the next-door room, commonly known as the Cabinet Room——beautiful room——and we're going to be discussing that. But we'll be doing other things. It's a wonderful country with wonderful people. We've had a long-term relationship, but it's never been as close as it is now.

President Stubb. I could——can I——

President Trump. We'll be doing other things.

Go ahead, please.

President Stubb. We've been talking about a lot with the President. I mean, the two specific fields where I think Finland has strength: one is quantum and quantum computing.

President Trump. Yes.

President Stubb. And we know that that is basically what gives food for thought for artificial intelligence. That's very important.

The second one is actually networks. And you know that there are two sort of safe and trustworthy Western networks right now. One of them is Nokia and the other one is Ericsson. And actually, 70 percent more broadband in the United States is Nokia. So one of the things that we could work on together is creating the 6G space through networks. And we actually——

President Trump. Yes, we could——

President Stubb. Nokia has 7,000 people working here in the United States and an American CEO.

President Trump. Okay. Anybody else?

Peacekeeping Efforts in Gaza, Palestinian Territories

Q. What is the international stabilization force that's going to deploy to Gaza? What that—what is that going to look like?

President Trump. To be determined. Really, to—I think there's going to be a large group of people determining what it will be and a group of people funding it that are very rich countries are going to be funding it.

People want to see this work. It's going to work. It's absolutely going to work. And it starts—it's already started. We've signed, as you know. Everybody has agreed. I think Monday is going to be a very big day—Monday, Tuesday. But it's going to be—depending on where you are—it's going to be a very big day. I think it's going to be a day of great celebration.

There's—I've never seen anything like it. The streets of so many countries right now, they're just roaring with love and with praise for the people that did this. And these are countries that did this. The whole world came together for this, even Iran. And I really thank them for it. Iran came out and said this is a good thing. It's a very good thing. So it was terrific. It's been a terrific experience for me.

Thank you very much, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:11 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to U.S. Secretary of the Navy John C. Phelan; and U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Michel Issa. President Stubb referred to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine; King Abdullah II of Jordan; and Justin Hotard, president and chief executive officer, Nokia. The transcript was released by the Office of Communications on October 13.

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