

*Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2026*

**Remarks Prior to a Working Breakfast With Governors and an Exchange With Reporters**

*February 20, 2026*

*The President.* Well, thank you very much, everybody. Thank you very much.

And I guess we're going to be asking the press to leave, and that way we're going to talk very candidly and take questions, I think, at the end.

It wasn't supposed to be. I just said to Susie, "What about questions?" "Sir, you can do whatever you want." [*Laughter*] I don't know if she says that to other people that she's represented over the years.

But thank you very much for being here. It's a great honor.

And, the media, thank you. You can leave now.

*Iran/Potential Military Involvement*

*Q.* Mr. President, are you considering a limited military strike to pressure Iran into a deal? [*Laughter*]

[*At this point, several reporters began asking questions at once.*]

*The President.* I guess I can say I am considering that. [*Laughter*] Right? Thank you. Thank you.

[*Several reporters spoke at once.*]

*Q.* Have you—[*inaudible*]?

*Q.* When will you be making that decision?

*The President.* Who was that? Who is that person? It's amazing. "Are you considering a military strike?" I guess, you know? [*Laughter*]

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:33 a.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to White House Chief of Staff Susan Wiles.

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