

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2026

Remarks and an Exchange With Reporters Upon Arrival in Phoenix, Arizona
April 17, 2026

The President. So we're having a big day. We'll see how it all turns out, but it should be good. We've had some very good discussions, and, hopefully, that subject that you like to talk about will be very good. And we've done a good job, but we'll see. Talks are going on. It will go on over the weekend, and a lot of good things are happening.

Q. Mr. President, did the——

The President. And that includes Lebanon too. Lebanon too. That's——

Iran/U.S. Diplomatic Engagement

Q. Mr. President, there's been reporting today that there's still—Iran says there's significant differences——

The President. Well, there could be. Let's see what happens.

Q. ——in order to reach a deal.

The President. If there are, we'll have to straighten it out, but I don't think there's too many significant differences.

Q. On the blockade, Mr. President.

The President. Yes.

Commercial Transit Through the Strait of Hormuz

Q. What will it take to end the blockade?

The President. When the agreement is signed, the blockade ends. As soon as the agreement gets signed, that's when the blockade ends.

Anthropic

Q. Did Anthropic have a meeting at White House, sir?

The President. Who?

Q. Anthropic.

The President. I have no idea.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2 p.m. on the tarmac at the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport after exiting Air Force One.

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