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Telephone Remarks at a Freedom 250 Event in India

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U.S. Ambassador to India Sergio Gor. Good evening. All right, before I give my speech, I just got a call from a special guest who's on the line.

Can you hear us, Mr. President?

[At this point, the President joined via teleconference the event at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, India.]

The President. I can hear you. And I love India. I love India.

So I know you're there, and I hope you make a good speech. You have to be representative of our country, Sergio.

But I just want to say hello to everybody. I love the Prime Minister. Modi is great. He's my friend.

And I just want to say I'm very, very—good evening to everybody. It's morning here, and it's evening there.

And I just want to say you're great, and we've never been closer to India, and India can count on me 100 percent—and our country. If they ever need help, they know where to call. They call right here.

And we're doing well. We're setting records. We're record—we have a record economy, a record stock market.

And anything India wants, they get. And I'm a big, big fan of Prime Minister Modi.

Ambassador Gor. Thank you, sir. Marco Rubio is here. Any advice for our great Secretary of State?

The President. Marco—well, Marco is the greatest. I'll tell you, he's going to be—he's going down as the greatest Secretary of State in the history of the U.S. And it's good.

Wow. You have some big ones there. You have—when you have Marco, Sergio, when you have Marco, you're getting to big stuff.

Ambassador Gor. It's big.

The President. That's very good.

Well, Marco, go have a good time. I know you're going to represent us well.

And, everybody, enjoy your evening. And it's an honor to talk and say hello to Prime Minister Modi, and let him know I'm a big fan.

Ambassador Gor. Thank you, sir. Have a great day. Thank you. We appreciate you.

The President. Thank you. Thank you.

Ambassador Gor. Thank you. Thank you.

The President. Bye, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 8:30 p.m. via teleconference from the White House.

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