

and to the American people that if I have the honor of being confirmed by the Senate, I will wake up every morning with the protection of the American people my first thought. And I will work every day to safeguard our citizens, our liberties, our rights, and this great Nation which have given so much to me and my family.

I thank you again, Mr. President and Mr. Attorney General, and all of you, for being here.

Release of Kenneth Bae and Matthew T. Miller From Captivity in North Korea

Q. [*Inaudible*—the release of Americans from North Korea today?

The President. Well, I think it's a wonderful day for them and their families. And obviously,

we're very grateful for their safe return. And I appreciate Director Clapper doing a great job on what was obviously a challenging mission. All right?

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:27 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Justin A. Volpe, Charles Schwarz, Thomas Bruder, and Thomas Wiese, former police officers, New York City Police Department, who were convicted in connection with the 1997 assault of Abner Louima; Lorine and Lorenzo Lynch, parents of Attorney General-designate Lynch; and Stephen Hargrove, husband of Attorney General-designate Lynch, and their children Ryan and Kia Hargrove.

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo of Indonesia in Beijing, China
November 10, 2014

President Obama. Well, it is a pleasure to meet President Widodo. I want to congratulate him on an inspiring election. And as many of you know, I have a very close association with Indonesia, having spent a good deal of my childhood there.

I think that in watching President Widodo's election, it is once again an affirmation of the full transition that Indonesia has made to a thriving democracy and a model for the kind of tolerance and pluralism that we want to see all around the world.

I know that President Widodo has a very ambitious reform agenda, and my main message here today is that the United States wants to be a strong partner with Indonesia in helping achieve its goals.

As part of our comprehensive partnership, we've already worked on a wide range of issues—economic, development, security, people-to-people exchanges, environmental cooperation—and I look forward to discussing how we can build on that momentum, perhaps even with a visit by President Widodo in Washington next year.

I also want to thank Indonesia for the leadership regionally, as well as internationally,

that it has shown on a number of issues. As a leader in ASEAN, Indonesia has been a driving force around the work that we've done on disaster assistance, on education, on scientific and technical exchanges, as well as issues of maritime security. And both our countries agree that it's important for us to maintain international norms that ensure freedom of navigation and that all countries are treated fairly and equitably.

And finally, as one of the world's largest democracies and also as one of the world's largest Islamic populations, Indonesia has played an extraordinary role in promoting pluralism and respect for religious diversity. And I want to thank Indonesia in the work that it's done to isolate extremism and to work with other countries around counterterrorism efforts.

So, Mr. President, I very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you. I hope that we can develop not only a strong personal friendship, but can continue to build the strong friendship between our two peoples.

President Widodo. I would like to thank Your Excellency, and this will be the first time that I meet President Obama. And I would like

to also thank you—thank the special envoy, the Secretary of State, John Kerry, for his visit to my Inauguration ceremony.

Indonesia is the largest Muslim country in the world and has just conducted its Presidential election, a cause for democratic celebration in our country. And it shows that Islam and democracy can go along together.

In regards to extremism and radicalism, we have an experience of more than 50 years, and we will continue to fight this extremism and radicalism, and not only by a security ap-

proach, but also by a cultural approach and also a religious approach.

With regards to the stability—the security and stability in the region, we will continue cooperation among countries in responding to security issues in the region.

President Obama. Thank you very much, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:46 a.m. at the Westin Beijing Chaoyang hotel. President Widodo spoke in Bahasa Indonesia, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Trans-Pacific Partnership Leaders in Beijing *November 10, 2014*

I want to thank all my fellow leaders and the Trade Ministers for joining us here today. I know we all have very busy schedules, so I'm going to keep my remarks brief.

We're here today because the Trans-Pacific Partnership is a high priority for our nations and for the region. As President, strengthening American leadership in the Asia-Pacific has been one of my top foreign policy priorities. And central to that objective is working with some of our most important trading partners to try to find ways in which we can facilitate increased growth for all of us, increased investment for all of us, improved jobs prospects for all of us.

And what we are seeing is momentum building around a Trans-Pacific Partnership that can spur greater economic growth, spur greater jobs growth, set high standards for trade and investment throughout the Asia-Pacific. And I don't think I have to explain to the press why this region is so important. This is the fastest growing, most populous, most dynamic region in the world economically.

During the past few weeks, our teams have made good progress in resolving several outstanding issues regarding a potential agreement. Today is an opportunity at the political

level for us to break some remaining logjams. To ensure that TPP is a success, we also have to make sure that all of our people back home understand the benefits for them: that it means more trade, more good jobs, and higher incomes for people throughout the region, including the United States. And that's a case that I'll continue to make to Congress and the American people. And I know that the leaders here are committed to making that case as well.

This has the potential for being a historic achievement. It's now up to all of us to see if we can finalize a deal that is both ambitious and comprehensive. The stronger the agreement, the greater the benefits to our people.

So to all my fellow leaders, I want to thank you not just for your participation here today, but more importantly, for the mandate that you have given to your negotiating teams to engage in some very serious work that promises to deliver greater prosperity, trade, and commerce between our nations in the future.

Thank you very much. Thank you, guys.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:17 p.m. at the U.S. Embassy.