

the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building. In his remarks, he referred to St. Anthony, MN, resident Rebekah Erler and her husband Ben Erler. The transcript released by

the Office of the Press Secretary also included the complete remarks of Vice President Biden. H.R. 803, approved July 22, was assigned Public Law No. 113–128.

Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters at the Netherlands Embassy After Signing a Condolence Book for Victims of the Crash of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17

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Q. Mr. President, Dutch television, do you have any message for the Dutch people?

The President. Obviously, we're all heartbroken by what's happened. And this is an opportunity for me to extend, on behalf of all the American people, our deepest condolences over the loss of family and friends, to express our solidarity with the people of the Netherlands, with whom we've been friends and had the deepest ties for centuries, and to assure the Dutch people that we will work with them to make sure that loved ones are recovered, that a

proper investigation is conducted, and that ultimately, justice is done.

Deputy Chief of Mission Peter Mollema. And we thank the President for being here. There's been an outpouring of support from the American people, and I can only say that on behalf of the Dutch people, we're deeply grateful for what you are doing. Thank you very much.

The President. Thank you, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:26 a.m.

Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser in Seattle, Washington

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The President. Hello, everybody! Thank you so much. Well, first of all, everybody, give Libby a big round of applause. Libby is the same age as Malia, and it turns out that they're both learning how to drive. So we are—Bruce and Ann and I share some concern. [*Laughter*] But they seem like sensible young ladies, so we're hoping that everything goes smoothly this summer.

It is so wonderful to see everybody. There are just a couple people I want to acknowledge. First of all, obviously, for Bruce and Ann to have me back in their house and the whole family here, they've been such great friends and great supporters. So can everybody please just say thank you to them. And we are very grateful to them.

Jay Insee was here, along with Trudi. They skipped ahead because we're doing something else. But give them a round of applause any-

way. You can tell them later that we appreciate them.

Your outstanding mayor, Ed Murray, is here. And County Executive Dow Constantine is here. Dow, by the way, is a new dad—10-week-old daughter. *Mazel tov*. You can't beat daughters. [*Laughter*] You can't—sons, you're okay. [*Laughter*]

Let me start just by talking about something that is obviously of great concern to the people of Washington, and that's the forest fires that have been sweeping across a big chunk of the State. As I was driving over here, I had a chance to talk to the Governor and get a full briefing on what's happened. Obviously, these are very difficult fires. Our firefighters take such risks and sacrifice so much to fight them, but it's a big challenge—and State troopers as well. And we actually lost a State trooper as he was trying to clear out from a fire that was tak-