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1	(applause)
2	Prime Minister Starmer: Mr. President, it's a pleasure to welcome you to Chequers. This historic second state visit is a moment to
3	celebrate the unique bond between our two countries. But today we've gone far beyond that.
4	We've renewed the special relationship for a new era for the United Kingdom of the United States.
5	Stand together today as first partners on defense,
6	first partners in trade with the ground-breaking deal we struck in May.
7	And now with the new agreement that we've just signed this afternoon, we're confirming our
8	status as the first partners in science and technology ready to define this century together,
9	just as we did the last. This tech partnership has the power to change lives.
10	It's our chance to ensure that technologies like AI, quantum, and others amplify human potential.
11	Solve problems, cure diseases, make us richer and freer, strengthen the cause of democracy, not
12	tyranny. This is the territory on which the future will be won.
13	So this partnership today is a signal of our determination to win this race together and to
14	ensure it brings real benefits in jobs, in growth, in lower bills, to put more hard-earned cash
15	in people's pockets at the end of each month. That's what we are determined to deliver and
16	we're bringing businesses with us. We've just come from a fantastic meeting with business leaders where we set out this vision.
17	They have responded with new deals and investment, breaking every record that we have.
18	250 billion pounds flowing both ways across the Atlantic.
19	That is a record. Expected to create 15,000 jobs here in the United

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20	Kingdom. High-skilled jobs in cutting-edge sectors where
21	people can build careers for the long term. Changing lives in communities up and down
22	our country. And look, while we shape this bond for a new era,
23	the fundamentals have not changed. Security remains the cornerstone of this
24	special relationship. We have the deepest, most advanced defense
25	relationship in the world. Our warriors train together and they fight
26	together. Our industries build together. Everything from fast jets to the new Orcas-class
27	submarines. So now as we drive up defense spending, we're
28	going to sweep away the barriers to working together on new defense technologies so we can
29	stay ahead of our adversaries. We're united in defense and security.
30	Yes, absolutely. But we're also united in the pursuit of peace.
31	We are working together to end the humanitarian catastrophe in the Middle East, get the aid in, free
32	the hostages, and ultimately bring Israel and the region back towards a comprehensive
33	plan which can deliver peace and security for Israelis and Palestinians alike.
34	We're also working together to end the killing in Ukraine. In recent days, Putin has shown his true face,
35	mounting the biggest attacks since the invasion began. With yet more bloodshed, yet more innocents killed
36	and unprecedented violations of NATO airspace.
37	These are not the actions of someone who wants peace.

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38	So we've discussed today how we can build our defenses further support Ukraine and decisively
39	increase the pressure on Putin to get him to agree a peace deal that will last.
40	And President Trump, you have led the way here and we will continue to stand and work together for
41	security and for peace. Mr. President, next year we'll celebrate the 250th
42	anniversary of the United States. We've come on a long journey together since
43	1776, but it's no exaggeration to say that
44	the partnership our two nations have built has shaped the world from the beaches of Normandy, to
45	the founding of NATO, to the creation of technologies that have revolutionized our lives.
46	Time and time again, it is British and American men
47	and women side by side changing the path of history and turning it towards our values,
48	towards freedom, democracy, and the rule of law. In Britain, we take huge pride in that.
49	And let's be clear, this relationship is not just about history.
50	It's about the future. It's about the benefits it delivers now and for decades to come, to make our people safer and
51	better off. We've shown today that we're delivering those benefits, improving people's lives.
52	So we will go into that anniversary year more optimistic than ever, and more confident than ever
53	about our two great nations and what they can achieve side by side.
54	Thank you. And it is now my pleasure to give the floor to Mr. President.
55	Thank you. The President: Thank you very much, very much. Prime Minister Starmer, Melania and I are

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56	tremendously thankful for the wonderful hospitality that you and Lady Starmer have extended today at
57	Checkers. Quite the place, I must say quite the place and we're grateful beyond words for the spectacular
58	honor of the state. Visit yesterday at Windsor Castle, hosted by his Majesty King Charles III and her Majesty Queen
59	Camilla. These are two fantastic people. We will never forget it.
60	As I said last night, the bond between our countries is like no other anywhere in the world.
61	The United States and the United Kingdom have done more good on this planet than any two nations in
62	human history. That is thanks in large part to the traditions of
63	British liberty, which grew up on these aisles, these beautiful, magnificent aisles, and
64	were carried by our ancestors to the new world. We're forever joined, and we are forever friends and
65	we will always be friends. This enduring connection is why I was thrilled that
66	the United Kingdom was the very first country with which we made a historic trade deal and a very good
67	trade deal. He's a tough negotiator. I think it was a better deal for you than us, but these are minor details.
68	Prime Minister Starmer: It's a very good deal for both of us. The President: He is a great negotiator who will extend our unparalleled security alliance into the
69	realm of economic security for the first time. And I look forward to finalizing it very soon.
70	We'll have it done very quickly. We have also just signed a historic technology
71	prosperity deal, one of a kind, to ensure our country's lead the next great technological
72	revolution side by side. In fact, we just left the business leaders the biggest in the world. Some are in this room right now, and that was
73	quite a meeting we had on business and trade and technology.

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74	This trip has galvanized \$350 billion in deals across many sectors, and we're committed to
75	ensuring that the UK is a secure and reliable supplier of the best AI hardware and software on
76	Earth. And we supply that and we'll make sure we supply it in quantity to the UK.
77	And we also are joining forces on quantum computing and nuclear power, a natural
78	partnership for close allies. The United States, as you probably have heard, is
79	doing better than it has ever done in terms of business and investment.
80	The stock market has hit a new high, as you know, and
81	that's for many, many days out of our fairly short eight months.
82	And we seem to be hitting new highs, and I think we're going to do much better even as time goes
83	by. Jobs are at a record. And most importantly, we have more than \$17
84	trillion. \$17 trillion. And this is during an eight-month period being invested in the country, which is not only a record, but if you compare \$17 trillion to the last
85	year of the Biden administration, they did \$250 billion. They didn't do \$1 trillion for the four-year period. We did \$17 trillion of investment coming in. A lot of it's
86	because of tariffs and a lot of it's
87	for a lot of other reasons, but there's never been anything like it.
88	It's an economic superstar, is what it's become.
89	It was mismanaged and badly handled for a long period of time, but it's not badly handled anymore.
90	So that's a record. And remember, that's up until eight months. We have another few months to go and that number's going to get significantly higher, especially if we

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91	win a certain case that we're waiting to hear. That will be something like the world has never
92	seen. I want to congratulate the United Kingdom on making the vital commitment to spend 5 percent of GDP on
93	defense at the NATO summit this year. We've worked together very closely in so many ways.
94	I'm very honored to tell you that we've solved seven wars.
95	Seven wars. Wars that were unsolvable wars that couldn't be
96	negotiated or done, we've done, the U.S. has done seven of them.
97	The one that I thought would be easiest would be because of my relationship with President Putin, but he's let me down.
98	He's really let me down. It was going to be Russia and Ukraine, but we'll see how that turns out. But that turned out to be...
99	I thought it might be among the easiest of the group, but we had settled just about every conflict.
100	And as you know, we're working very hard on Israel and Gaza. All that's happening over there.
101	Complex. But it's going to get done. It'll all get done.
102	And likewise, Russia and Ukraine will get done, but it's -- you never know in war.
103	War is a different thing. Things happen that are very opposite of what you thought. You thought you were going to have an easy time or a
104	hard time and it turns out to be the reverse. As we saw in the Unforgettable parade
105	yesterday at Windsor Castle. What a place it is. The British Armed Forces carry on one of the finest
106	military traditions in the world. One of the greatest marching bands, one of the most magnificent sites I've seen.
107	I know that our service members look forward and we do look so forward to working even more closely
108	with yours as you push toward that 5 percent goal, and I think Mr. Prime Minister, you're

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109	just about there. You're going to be there very quickly along with a lot of other great countries. I want to thank NATO and our wonderful head of NATO
110	who's really worked very hard, Mark, for the job they've done. As you know, NATO is a 2 percent GDP and they
111	didn't pay it. Now they're at 5 percent, then they pay it and we appreciate that and we're sending a lot of weapons
112	to NATO. NATO is paying for those weapons in full, but we're sending them and we're doing a great job at
113	getting them what they need. And we appreciate the fact that they're taking care
114	because the United States is into that war for \$350 billion. And just really very sad.
115	Just got out of control. They didn't know what they were doing, but over the
116	generations, British and American Warriors have shed their blood side by side in defense of liberty
117	and freedom. And that's why it's so imperative that the United States and the United Kingdom stand together for
118	these fundamental rights and values of the English-speaking world. And we've always stood together and we will continue to.
119	Just last week a great American, Charlie Kirk, was heinously assassinated for speaking his mind.
120	He was a great young man, incredible future. Some people said he might be president someday.
121	I told him, I said, "Charlie, I think you have a good shot someday at being president." He just
122	wanted to take care of youth. He loved youth. I've never seen anybody relate to youth like
123	Charlie and they related to him and they're devastated. But I appreciate the many British citizens who have
124	offered their condolences. And again, Charlie was a great person. Will be going out to a service on Sunday.
125	I'll be leaving with some of the people in this room just to celebrate Charlie and all that he's done.
126	So incredible. Never seen anything like it. But I hope that together our nations can lead a

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127	movement to defend the glorious traditions of freedom on both sides of the Atlantic.
128	There could be no greater tribute to the immortal bonds of affection and loyalty that unite the British and the American people for all of time.
129	We have a relationship like no other. It will always be that way. We will always be united.
130	We'll always be together. And I just want to thank you Mr. Prime Minister for the great job.
131	I think you're doing. Thank you very much. Thank you. Are there any questions?
132	Prime Minister Starmer: Thank you very much, Mr. President. We're going to take some questions.
133	I'll call two or three to start with and then I'll pass over to the president. I've got Chris Mason from the BBC first.
134	Chris? The Press: Thank you both. Chris Mason, BBC News. Mr. President, the UK is expected to recognize the
135	Palestinian state in the coming days as the killing in Gaza continues. It often seems that you are the only person that
136	Israel will listen to. What more can you say to them to tell them to stop? And why is the UK's position on a Palestinian
137	state, in your view, wrong? And Prime Minister, what will the recognition of a Palestinian state actually achieve?
138	Is it not just gesture politics to appease people in your own party? Thank you both.
139	Prime Minister Starmer: Well, Chris, let me just start with that because we discussed this amongst
140	other things. We had the best part of an hour, I think upstairs earlier today just one-to-one, going through
141	a number of affairs, world affairs in private. And we absolutely agree on the need for peace and a
142	road map because the situation in Gaza is intolerable. The hostages have been held for a very, very long
143	time and they must be freed. And we need aid to get into Gaza at speed.
144	And so it's within that context of a plan for peace, which we're working hard on, which not only

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145	did we discuss this morning, but our two teams have been working together on that the question of
146	recognition needs to be seen. And so it's part of that overall package, which
147	hopefully takes us from the appalling situation we're in now to the outcome of a safe and
148	secure Israel, which we do not have and a viable Palestinian state. Thank you.
149	The President: Well, simply, I want the hostages released now, right now. Not one, two, we'll give you three more tomorrow
150	like it's been, but we're the ones that got all the hostages released. We got many, many that came. Many came to the Oval Office and I've heard
151	stories like I've never thought even possible. There was no humanity, no anything. I said to them, I said, "Was there any warmth
152	shown during this stay? Like they offered you a little extra meal, they
153	gave you a little smile and they said, don't worry, you'll be okay?" And every one of them said, not even a little
154	bit. Amazing to think that during this stay, a long stay in some cases.
155	We had a man the other day, 451 days he was there. I always ask that question and was there any warmth,
156	just a little word of encouragement? And the answer is every time absolutely not.
157	I'm shocked to hear it because in the worst cases there's always somebody that comes through.
158	We have to remember October 7th, one of the worst, most violent days in the history of the
159	world. Not just there, the history of the world. And I got to see the tapes and I wish I didn't see them actually.
160	But I got to see them. And I want an end. I want the hostages released and I think it's
161	going to be okay. But it has been a brutal period of time. But this has been going on for a long time.
162	This is not something that's over the last year, two years. This has been for decades and decades.

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163	But we want it to end. We have to have the hostages back immediately. That's what the people of Israel want. They want them back and we want the fighting to stop
164	and it's going to stop. But a lot of bad things. Hamas said that they're going to put the hostages
165	up as bait. They're going to put the hostages in front of any attack, and that's pretty brutal.
166	We haven't heard that one in a long time. So we have to remember that. So I have a disagreement with the Prime Minister on
167	that score. One of our few disagreements actually. Prime Minister Starmer: Great.
168	Can I take Jack from the Sun? Jack. The Press: Thank you both. Jack Elson from the Sun.
169	Mr. President, in the nine months you've been in office, you've been incredibly successful in all but eliminating crossings in your southern
170	border. The President: Yeah. The Press: Meanwhile, illegal migration is at record levels in Britain and the Prime Minister is
171	trying to tackle that. What advice would you give to the man standing next to you on trying to stop illegal migration in Britain? And Prime Minister, if I can just ask, the
172	President is all about drill-baby-drill in terms of trying to secure American energy and cut
173	bills for Americans. Meanwhile, you are turning Britain's back on oil and gas in favor of renewable energies such as wind
174	turbines. Why do you think that you are right and he is wrong? The President: So we had millions of people flowing
175	in totally unchecked, totally unvetted from the Biden administration.
176	25 million. In my opinion, that would be about 25 million. They came from prisons, they came from mental
177	institutions. They were gang members, they were drug dealers. They came from the Congo, they came from all parts
178	of South America. They came from everywhere. Think of it, prisons from the Congo being released
179	into the United States. Prisons opened up in Venezuela and many other countries pouring into the United States, and I
180	couldn't believe it. One of the reasons I decided to run. I decided to run because I don't want to be

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181	controversial, but you see what's happened and you see all the information that's come out. We won in 2020 big and I said, "Let's run.
182	We got to run." Because I saw what was happening. And the worst thing that I saw was all of these people. We've already solved inflation, we've solved
183	prices. Oil is way down, energy is way down the United States. But what I saw happening with millions of people
184	pouring into our country, I couldn't stand to watch it. And we've done a great job.
185	If you've seen the last... I appreciate your question by the way. Nobody, absolutely zero and I'm not even sure
186	that's possible, but it's a very liberal group that come out with those statistics. The last three months, we had zero.
187	From millions of people a year ago we had zero people enter our country illegally. And we do have people coming in legally through
188	a legal process and testing and lots of other things. I think it's very important and we speak
189	about it and I think your situation is very similar. You have people coming in and I told the Prime
190	Minister I would stop it and it doesn't matter if you call out the military, it doesn't matter what
191	means you use, but it's going to destroy... It destroys countries from within and we're actually
192	now removing a lot of the people that came into our country. It's a very hard chore. We were given a very, very bad hand.
193	Millions of people came in from prisons and mental institutions. We have to remove them and we are removing them.
194	We have no choice. And I feel very strongly about it. Thank you very much. Prime Minister Starmer: Jack, let me just deal
195	with the question of returns because this is obviously an issue we're taking incredibly
196	seriously. We've struck a number of deals both on cooperation with other countries because this is a problem
197	right across Europe to tackle the problem of actually breaking up the gangs that are running
198	this trade. We have had a record number of returns, over 35,000 now since we came into office.

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199	That's the highest number for the best part of 10 years. We struck the returns arrangement with France
200	and notwithstanding the challenges to that scheme, which you've seen in the last few days, a flight
201	went off at 6:15 this morning successfully returning someone under that scheme.
202	So that is an important step forward. Obviously, there's no silver bullet here. There's a range of things that need to be done, but
203	given the challenges of returning people, it is important that we're able to prove it can be done.
204	It was done. It was done early this morning. So I can confirm that that flight went, it went successfully and I'm pleased about that.
205	Now we need to ramp that up at scale, which was always envisaged under the scheme, but it's very
206	important that we have been able to prove the proof of concept, if you like that this can be done
207	and will continue in that way. On the question of energy, firstly, let me be really
208	clear that I am absolutely determined to ensure that the price and cost of energy comes down so that
209	bills come down both for individuals, for families with their household bills, but also for
210	business because this is so important. The mix will include oil and gas for many years to
211	come from the North Sea. We've been clear about that for some time, but we also need to mix that with renewables and it's the
212	mix that's really important. And the approach I've taken on this is the same approach that I take to many other things, a
213	pragmatic approach. Thank you, Jack. The President: I would like to say that we inherited the worst inflation in the history
214	of our country. We had inflation the likes of which we've really never seen. They say 48 years, and I'll accept that, but I
215	really don't. We had the worst inflation in the history of our country, and we had an expression that I used a
216	lot, drill, baby drill. And as you know, we brought fuel way down. The price is way down and we don't do wind because

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217	wind is a disaster. It's a very expensive joke, frankly, and we got
218	our energy prices way down that brought the inflation way down and now we have very little inflation and
219	we have a very, very strong economy. So that was very important, drill, baby, drill.
220	And you have a great asset here and we spoke about it, it's called the North Sea, the North Sea oil is
221	phenomenal. And I hope, because I love this country, my mother was born in Scotland and the Hebrides Stornoway,
222	that's Syria, Scotland, we were talking about it. And I want this country to do well, and you have
223	great assets that you're going to start using, I believe under this Prime Minister. Prime Minister Starmer: And I've got Matthew from
224	the Economist. Matthew. Matthew: Thank you. Prime Minister. Mr. President, you say that President Putin has
225	let you down, have negotiations run out of road, and what are your next steps to compel an
226	end to this war? The President: Well, he has let me down. I mean, he's killing many people and he's losing
227	more people than he's killing. Frankly, the Russian soldiers are being killed
228	at a higher rate than the Ukrainian soldiers. But yeah, he's let me down, I don't like to see,
229	it's death you know? It doesn't affect the United States, other than unless you end up in a world war over this thing,
230	you could, this was a thing that would've never happened had I been president. If I were president, it would've never happened
231	and it didn't happen for four years, most people agree it didn't happen, nor was it close to
232	happening. And I spoke to President Putin about Ukraine, it was the apple of his eye, I've said that many times it was.
233	But he would've never done what he did except that he didn't respect the leadership of the United States.
234	They just went through the Afghanistan total disaster for no reason whatsoever. We're going to leave Afghanistan, but we're

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235	going to leave it with strength and dignity and we're going to keep Bagram the big air base, one of
236	the biggest air bases in the world, we gave it to them for nothing. We're trying to get it back by the way, okay,
237	that could be a little breaking news. We're trying to get it back because they need things from us, we want that base back.
238	But one of the reasons we want the base is, as you know, it's an hour away from where China makes its nuclear weapons.
239	So a lot of things are happening, but I am very disappointed in the fact that that one's not
240	settled. To think that we settled Azerbaijan and Albania as
241	an example, it was going on for years, it was never going to be settled.
242	If you remember the prime minister and the presidents, they were there for many years, when
243	they were in my office, we settled. And they started off at both sides of the Oval Office, so far away I didn't know you could be
244	so far away. And as we were together for an hour, they kept getting closer, closer, and by the time we
245	finished we all hugged each other. And one said, I've been in this position for 22 years
246	and all I've done is kill their people. The other was there for seven years and all he did
247	was kill their people and we got it settled. And we did others, as you know, Congo, the Congo we
248	did, we settled the Congo with Rwanda that was going on, and that was a machete war, that was a gruesome
249	war. Many people, close to 10 million people killed, we got that settled. My biggest disappointment, but look, we did seven and
250	most of them were not thought to be settleable. We did India and we did Pakistan, that's two
251	nuclear, that was purely for trade. You want to trade with us, you're going to have to get along and they were going at it hot and heavy.
252	But the Russia situation, I hope we're going to have some good news for you coming up.

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253	But again, it doesn't affect the United States. And look, it doesn't so much affect you, of course
254	you are a lot closer to the scene than we are, we have a whole ocean separating us. But I will say this, millions of people have
255	died in that war, millions of souls, and they're not American.
256	They're soldiers, mostly soldiers as you know, the soldiers are being killed at levels nobody's seen
257	since the Second World War. But they're being killed and I feel I have an obligation to get it settled for that reason.
258	Prime Minister Starmer: And just to add on that question, because we have to put extra pressure on
259	Putin and it's only when the President has put pressure on Putin that he's actually shown any
260	inclination to move, so we have to ramp that pressure up. I think it's important to have this conversation in the context of what's happened in recent weeks,
261	we saw damage and bombing to the British Council in Kiev. These are targets that it was thought until recently
262	were not targets that would be hit, the British Council, the European Union Embassy, the Council
263	of Ministers where President Zelenskyy's minister's work was hit. Again, these were thought to be places that wouldn't
264	be hit. And then the incursion into Poland last week.
265	And if you put that together, what you can see is either an emboldenment or at least an increased
266	recklessness on Putin's part. And that's why I said earlier that they're not the actions of someone who wants peace, so we have to
267	ramp up. And we discussed earlier today, we have built the coalition of the willing with British leadership
268	and French leadership stepping up with military planning in the seas, in the sky, on the ground and
269	ramping up what we do with the Ukrainians themselves. And of course that taken with an American guarantee
270	is now an example I think of the challenge of Europe stepping up to the plate, which it has done in the

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271	last few months to show through what we and the French have done that we're prepared to take the
272	lead in this and take the necessary measures. The President: But that's a war that could have been a third world war and I don't think we're going to
273	be there now, but that was heading to a third world war and what a shame it is, what a shame it is.
274	Prime Minister Starmer: Mr. President, do you want to call some of the audience? The President: I would love to call a few of them. Bev, do you want to have a question?
275	Prime Minister Starmer: I've got to come back to you. The Press: Bev Turner at GB News. Thank you.
276	Having been in DC for a few weeks, it's really interesting to see how you run the country as a proud
277	Christian leader and it really begs the question to the Prime Minister, if you don't mind, are we still a Christian country?
278	But also -- The President: When you say we, are you talking here? The Press: Here, the UK. The President: Here? The Press: I'm still British, I might live in
279	America but I'm still British. The President: I'd rather have him answer that question. I can't give you that answer. The Press: That's for the Prime Minister.
280	But also, despite what we talked about in Scotland a few weeks ago, we still have 12,000 people a year
281	here being arrested for social media posts, for free speech violations.
282	Does that not remain an important area that there is still a lot of disagreement on? The President: Yeah, I'd like to have you answer
283	that. Prime Minister Starmer: Yeah, look, I mean in terms of a Christian country, I was christened, so that is my church, has been all my life and that
284	is wired into our informal constitution. Of course, we celebrate many other faiths as well
285	and I'm really proud that we're able to do so as a country. And on free speech, that has long-lived in this
286	country, free speech, it's one of the founding values of the United Kingdom.
287	And we protect it jealously and fiercely and always will, and we will bear down on any limits on
288	free speech. I draw a limit between free speech and the speech

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289	of those that want to peddle pedophilia and suicide social media to children.
290	And therefore, I'm all for free speech, I'm also for protecting children from things that will harm
291	them, pedophiles, those that peddle suicide, which had a terrible consequence for individuals,
292	particularly teenagers. And so that's the balance we strike, but we have had freedom of speech in this country for a very long
293	time and we will always protect it. The President: Thank you. Thank you very much. Brian, please. The Press: Thank you.
294	Prime Minister, it's good to see you again. You have a beautiful country, thanks for having us. Prime Minister Starmer: Thank you for being here.
295	The Press: Two questions. One, just recently, President Trump labeled Antifa domestic terrorist, would you consider doing
296	something like that in your country? Prime Minister Starmer: Well, we obviously will
297	take decisions for ourselves. I don't want to comment on the decisions of the President, but we take our decisions ourselves.
298	The Press: And my question to you, President Trump, is there any update on the autopen?
299	The President: Yeah, it's just gotten worse from their standpoint.
300	The people that used it in particular one person, was never told by Biden to do it, only spoke to Biden
301	twice and that was just talking about the weather, not talking about any order.
302	And he was taking orders from people other than Joe Biden, Joe Biden wasn't giving those orders.
303	Joe Biden didn't believe in open borders, he didn't, I've known him for a long time.
304	He was never the brightest bulb in the ceiling as we know, you can go back 40 years ago and you'll see
305	that, go back and take a look at the hearings on Justice Thomas, and you'll see that very much.
306	But he didn't believe in open borders and all of this nonsense that they're peddling now, which is why

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307	they're not in office any longer. It's a shame, the autopen was a illegal, it was
308	illegally used, he never gave the orders, he never told them what to do. And I guess the only one he signed or one of the
309	few he signed was the pardon for his son. But you had the congressmen who when they
310	got the information, they found out they were guilty and they deleted and destroyed all information,
311	everything, you couldn't get any of it. They found out that Nancy Pelosi actually was offered the 10,000 soldiers and she turned
312	them down. They found out many things that were very bad, so they deleted and destroyed all information.
313	You talk about freedom of the press and freedom of speech, how about that one? And there's not a thing, this is after a year and a
314	half of hearings, they destroyed everything and
315	somebody's got to be held responsible. So Biden, what he did is they knew, I don't think
316	he knew, but somebody knew, I don't think Biden had a clue about anything, if you want to know the truth.
317	But they gave a pardon to those congresspeople, they gave a pardon.
318	Those people are so guilty, they gave a pardon, but Biden didn't know about it. The people, whether it's Lisa or any of those
319	people in there that really ran it, I know them all and they're sick people.
320	They're smart people, they're very smart, they're probably brilliant, but they're sick in ideology and they were running the autopen
321	and it was totally illegal what he did and I hope it's going to be so adjudged.
322	Prime Minister Starmer: Did you want to take one more and then I'll go back to British. The President: Okay, let's see, Peter, go ahead.
323	The Press: Thank you, President Trump. In the deal that you're working on for the Chinese
324	to sell TikTok to an American buyer, are the Americans going to have to come up with their own

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325	algorithm or are they going to continue to use the successful but addictive Chinese
326	algorithm? The President: So what we're doing, and we're speaking to President Xi on Friday to see if we can finalize something on TikTok because there is
327	tremendous value and I hate to give away value. But I like TikTok, it helped get me elected.
328	In fact, Charlie said, "Sir, you ought to get on TikTok, you'd be great." I said, "Really? Tell me about TikTok.
329	And as you know, we did unbelievably well with youth at a level that no Republican has ever even
330	dreamt of. And look, I think we won it for a lot of reasons, but that was a reason we won the election by such a
331	big number. TikTok has tremendous value.
332	The United States has that value in its hand because we're the ones that have to approve it. I specifically get the right to approve it.
333	The people that are investing it are among the greatest investors in the world, the biggest, the richest, and they'll do a great job.
334	And we're doing it in conjunction with China, but we are getting, the United States is getting a
335	tremendous fee-plus, I call it a fee-plus, for just making the deal. And I don't want to throw that out the window.
336	I can say this, that you'll have a lot of very unhappy youth. And I use TikTok very legitimately, very
337	straight, just statements every day, little statements, short statements. Sir, make it short, please. And TikTok Jack, we call him, he was pretty good.
338	Did a good job for me I guess. But no, I'd rather reap the benefits.
339	I mean the kind of money we're talking about is very substantial and it'll be owned by all American
340	investors and the best investors and the very rich people and companies are going to be owning it. Very, very straight, very legitimate companies and
341	really companies that love America. So they're going to be owning it.
342	It's a big thing. And on a much bigger scale and probably that's why we were able to get that, but on a much bigger scale,

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343	we're pretty close to a deal. We may do an extension with China, but it's an extension based on the same terms that we have
344	right now, which are pretty good terms. The Press: And my question for Prime Minister Starmer. If you feel so strongly about officially
345	recognizing Palestine for statehood, why are you waiting for President Trump to leave the country?
346	Why can't you just do it right now? And isn't there a risk in rewarding Hamas with that?
347	Prime Minister Starmer: Well, let me be really clear about Hamas. They're a terrorist organization who can have
348	no part in any future governance in Palestine. And what happened on October the seventh was
349	the worst attack since the Holocaust. We have extended family in Israel. I understand firsthand the psychological impact that
350	that had across Israel. So I know exactly where I stand in relation to
351	Hamas. Hamas of course don't want two-state solution. They don't want peace. They don't want the ceasefire. I'm very clear where I stand on Hamas.
352	On the question of recognition, I made my position clear at the end of July. As to the timing, which has got nothing to do with
353	this state visit, and I've discussed it with the president, as you would expect amongst two leaders
354	who respect each other and like each other and want to bring about a better solution in the best way
355	that we can. Thank you so much. Can I go back then to Robert at ITV?
356	The Press: Robert Peston, ITV. Mr. President, you uniquely, you alone, the
357	whole world have the power to persuade Prime Minister Netanyahu to stop the demolition of Gaza City,
358	to stop the starvation of Palestine, to stop the killing of civilians.
359	If not now, when will you exercise that power to tell them to stop?
360	The President: Sure. The Press: And then for both of you all- The President: But you do understand about October

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361	7th? You do understand? The Press: Believe me, I understand about that. The President: One of the worst days in the history
362	of humanity. What happened? I have seen the tapes. Babies that are four months old, just chopped
363	up to pieces. And you've seen the tapes and I've seen the tapes. You're a professional and so am I.
364	And people forget about October 7th. I can't forget about it. So I want it to end, but I want the hostages back.
365	I don't want the hostages used as human shields, which is what Hamas is threatening to do. The Press: But as soon as they're back, that's the
366	moment you will tell Netanyahu to stop. The President: Well, it would certainly help, but
367	I have to have the hostages back. And I don't want them back piecemeal as I said before. I want him back. The Press: On a separate issue, free speech.
368	Your Vice President Vance said that free speech is
369	under attack in the UK. Do you agree with him and Prime Minister? We saw the dismissal of a very well-known chat show
370	host in America last night, Mr. Kimmel. Is free speech more under attack in Britain or
371	America? The President: Well, Jimmy Kimmel was fired because he had bad ratings more than anything else. And he said a horrible thing about a great
372	gentleman known as Charlie Kirk. And Jimmy Kimmel is not a talented person. He had very bad ratings, and they should have fired
373	him a long time ago. So you can call that free speech or not. He was fired for lack of talent.
374	Yeah, please go ahead. Prime Minister Starmer: Yeah, I mean firstly on the question of Charlie Kirk, can I just express
375	how shocking that is I think to everybody who believes in free speech and in democracy, and it
376	sent shockwaves through the world. And I know that he was a friend of the president
377	and I reached out straight away to the president because I understood how impactful it would be on him and his family.
378	And we all need to be absolutely clear about that. Whatever our political views, it is shocking and

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379	is to be condemned. On free speech, not much to add to the answer I gave earlier.
380	This country's had free speech for a very, very long time. It is part of who we are as a country, and it is
381	the values that we fought for. We fought for it during the Second World War alongside each other, so we need no reminding of
382	the importance of free speech in this country. Thank you, Robert. And I go to Beth for the final question please.
383	Beth. The Press: Thank you so much. Thank you. Beth Rigby, Sky News.
384	Thank you, Prime Minister. If I could start with you. Prime Minister, President Trump has said he's ready
385	to impose major sanctions on Russia if NATO country stop purchasing Russian oil.
386	He's got a point, hasn't he? Is that what you now believe is needed to bring Putin properly to the table?
387	And what's your message to the president on U.S. sanctions? And Mr. President, if I may, the king praised your
388	personal commitment last night to finding solutions to the world's most intractable conflicts.
389	You have invested much of your time and effort in Ukraine. But even as you seek to broker a deal, President
390	Putin is escalating the war, he's firing drones into NATO airspace.
391	You say he has let you down. Was it a mistake to invite him to Alaska?
392	Do you regret it? The President: No. The Press: And is it time to squeeze him, sir, and scare him and impose sanctions?
393	And finally, if I may, the elephant in the room, Lord Mandelson, he is no longer the ambassador.
394	Do you have some sympathy with him that he lost his job over historic links to Jeffrey Epstein?
395	Thank you very much, sir. The President: I don't know him actually. I had heard that, and I think maybe the Prime
396	Minister would be better speaking of that. That was a choice that he made and I don't know. What is your answer to that?

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397	Prime Minister Starmer: Well, I mean it's very straightforward. Some information came to light last week which wasn't available when he was appointed, and I made
398	a decision about it. And that's very clear. On the question of the pressure on Putin and on
399	Russia, which is obviously really important. Look, I think it is a challenge to Europe.
400	There are a number of European countries which are too reliant on energy from Russia.
401	The UK actually obviously has almost got nothing at all, but we do need to bear down and work with
402	our European counterparts here. There are one or two countries I think that do
403	need to look again at the question of energy. There's no one silver bullet here. We do have to have a wider suite of sanctions, which
404	we've put in place a number of times working across Europe and with the United States.
405	And of course we must and we are making sure that Ukraine is in the strongest position now
406	because one of my long concerns here has been that whilst we talk about a cease-fire and we all want a cease-fire and we talk about what might
407	happen after a cease-fire, we mustn't forget that Ukraine needs our support now. And we've said we stand with Ukraine from the
408	start to the finish and that means we must continue to supply them with what they need in order to fight this war which of course resulted
409	from and is a result of Russian aggression. We have particularly done the leadership role in the
410	coalition of the willing so that if there is a ceasefire and if there is a deal, and I do hope
411	there is, that is then lasting and not then broken because given previous history, I don't
412	trust Putin. Thank you. The President: Very simply, if the price of oil comes down, Putin's going to drop out.
413	He's going to have no choice. He's going to drop out of that war. And when I found out that the European nations were
414	buying oil from Russia, and as you know I'm very close to India, I'm very close to the prime

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415	minister of India. I spoke to him the other day, wished him a happy birthday. We have a very good relationship. He put out a beautiful statement too.
416	But I sanctioned them. China's paying a very large tariff right now to
417	the United States. But I'm willing to do other things, but not when the people that I'm fighting for are buying
418	oil from Russia. If the oil price comes down very simply, Russia will settle and the oil price is way down.
419	We got it way down. We're drilling and we produce more oil than anybody else in the world. We're doing a lot.
420	But I was disappointed to see that. And the Prime Minister was disappointed to see that. And it wasn't him.
421	It was other countries. And you can't do that. You can't do that. That's not playing fair with the United States.
422	And we can't have that. Thank you. Prime Minister Starmer: Thank you very much indeed. Thank you. The President: Thank you.
423	(applause)