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1 occasions
2 and you are indeed one and only foreign
3 head of state who has made two state
4 visits to the Republic of Korea and it
5 is the first time that you are the
6 first US president that has been
7 conferred the grand order of Mugongwa by
8 Korea. So indeed our meeting is very
9 meaningful and what is also significant
10 and impressive is that it's been 9
11 months since your inauguration and
12 around the world in eight conflict zones
13 you brought peace. So you are indeed a
14 peace maker.
15 So it's almost once a month
16 so many people have been killed and so
17 many damages were done. But you have
18 been successful in bringing peace to
19 many parts of the world and I hope that
20 your peace making skills can be applied
21 to the Korean peninsula so that we can
22 bring peace on the Korean peninsula as
23 well. And if that happens, I believe

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48 but I believe that we've been planting
49 good seeds for a better future. And I
50 hope that your gestures and your words
51 will serve as an opportunity to further
52 open up opportunities for better
53 relations. And we will continue to
54 support your endeavor. As you may know
55 very well on the Korean peninsula, a war
56 is going on technically speaking.
57 So the two Koreas are at war
58 technically, but with the help of the US
59 and the international community, we have
60 been able to grow our economy and
61 advance our country. And going forward,
62 our bilateral relations are going to
63 focus on modernizing our alliance so
64 that our alliance can become more
65 comprehensive and strategic. Korea has
66 decided to increase our national budget
67 for defense. So military spending and
68 defense budget will be expanded to
69 further strengthen our military
70 capabilities. As you may know very well,
71 the current defense budget of the

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144 dealing. They're very tough negotiators
145 and that's the way it should be. And I
146 will say that we're working together.
147 There's a great love between our
148 communities, between our uh people,
149 between leadership and uh we're all
150 friends. I know you showed me a picture
151 from a long time ago of you and I and
152 you're looking better now than you did
153 then. That was quite a while ago. see
154 you doing something well. But I I will
155 say this that uh the Korean Peninsula
156 and I know you are officially at war,
157 but we will see what we can do to get
158 that all straightened out. We're uh
159 we've been very lucky. I've been very
160 fortunate to be able to um solve a lot
161 of problems in the world. I didn't even
162 know there were so many problems. There
163 were countries that nobody knew that
164 they were even fighting and yet they
165 were killing millions and millions of
166 people. And we got them with the
167 exception of one which will I think

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288 it a lingering cloud that's over your
289 head. We're going to see if we can get
290 that straightened out. And I just want
291 to thank you again for the welcome. And
292 I wanted to uh say we've been friends
293 for a long time and you are going to be
294 a great president. You already are and
295 if we can do this together then you'll
296 go down as the greatest of them all and
297 we'll try and make that happen. Thank
298 you very much. Great honor.
299 Thank you.