

1 >> THIS IS A VERY LARGE CROWD. YOU GET MORE THAN MOST COUNTRY, I HAVE TO SAY.

2 A VERY GOOD CROWD OF THE MEDIA. IT'S AN

3 HONOR TO BE WITH PRESIDENT LEE OF SOUTH KOREA. WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER AND
GOTTEN ALONG VERY

4 WELL. WE HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL TRADE BECAUSE I HEAR THEY WANT TO RENEGOTIATE
THE DEAL BUT THAT'S OKAY, I DON'T MIND THAT.

5 THAT DOESN'T MEAN THEY'RE GOING TO GET ANYTHING, BUT I DON'T MIND. BUT WE'RE GOING
TO HAVE

6 SOME VERY SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS, INCLUDING TRADE, WHERE
WE DO A LOT OF TRADE WITH SOUTH KOREA

7 AS YOU KNOW. WE ARE THINKING ABOUT CONTRACTING SOME SHIPS, THEY

8 BUILD THEM VERY WELL IN SOUTH KOREA. THEY'RE ALSO THINKING ABOUT COMING TO OUR
COUNTRY WITH SOME SHIPYARDS TO START US ON

9 THE PROCESS OF BUILDING SHIPS AGAIN. DO YOU KNOW AT WORLD WAR II, WE'D BUILD A
SHIP A DAY, AND

10 TODAY WE DON'T BUILD SHIPS ANYMORE, WHICH IS RIDICULOUS. WE'RE GOING TO START
THAT AGAIN. BUT WE WERE LIKE YOU. WE WERE BUILDING SHIPS ALL THE TIME FOR

11 EVERYBODY, AND PRESIDENTS AND PEOPLE ALLOW THAT TO SLIP BY, AND NOW WE BUY
SHIPS BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE BUYING SHIPS FROM

12 SOUTH KOREA BUT WE'RE ALSO GOING TO HAVE THEM MAKE SHIPS HERE WITH OUR PEOPLE
USING OUR PEOPLE AND WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK INTO

13 THE SHIPBUILDING BUSINESS AGAIN, BECAUSE REALLY ESSENTIALLY WE DON'T BUILD SHIPS
ANYMORE, WHICH IS RIDICULOUS HOW THAT EVER

14 HAPPENED. BUT WE WERE THE BEST AT IT, AND YOU CAN TAKE A LOOK AT WORLD WAR II IN
PARTICULAR, WHERE WE WERE DOING VIRTUALLY A

15 SHIP A DAY. AND IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, THESE WERE TANKERS AND DIFFERENT KINDS OF
SHIPS BUT WE WERE VERY ACTIVE, AND YOU SEE A

16 LOT OF THE SHIPYARDS SITTING THERE IDLE, BUT THEY'RE NOT SO IDLE ANYMORE, AND
YOU'RE GOING TO COME IN ALSO AND YOU'RE GOING

17 TO BE DOING A LOT OF SHIPS IN THIS COUNTRY, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT. BUT WE HAVE
A LOT OF OTHER TRADE THINGS HERE, THEY'RE A BIG PURCHASER OF OUR MILITARY

18 EQUIPMENT, WE MAKE THE BEST MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN THE WORLD AND YOU SAW THAT
RECENTLY

19 WITH -- TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE DID WITH THE B IT 2 BOMBER, I GUESS THE COMPANY
GAVE THAT TO ME,

20 THE B2 BOMBER, SO SUCCESSFUL IN WHAT

21 TOOK PLACE AND THE LITTLE EXCURSION WE MADE, 36 HOURS, AND IT WIPED OUT THE --
NOBODY'S

22 EVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT. 36 HOURS BACK AND FORTH, NOT A THING WENT WRONG, NOT
A SCREW

23 WAS MISSING, NOT A BOLT WAS MISSING, NOT A PLANE HAD NOT EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF A
PROBLEM. AND WE ACTUALLY HAD 52 TANKER S,

24 WE HAVE MANY PLANES BUT YOU LOOK AT THE B2, THE WAY THEY HANDLEED THAT, EVERY
SINGLE BOMB HIT THEIR TARGET, SO UNDERSTAND WE

25 MAKE THE BEST MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN THE WORLD. SOUTH KOREA IS A BIG BUYER OF
MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT ALSO. AND WE HAVE MANY

26 THINGS TO TALK ABOUT. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO IT. AND IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO BE WITH
YOU, AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR

27 ELECTION. THAT WAS A BIG ONE. AND WE'RE WITH YOU 100%. THANK YOU.

28 >> MR. PRESIDENT, LET ME BEGIN BY THANKING YOU ON BEHALF OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE. I
WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR

29 GETTING YOUR TIME FOR TODAY'S MEETING. I HEARD YOU RECENTLY REDECORATED THE
OVAL OFFICE AND I WOULD JUST

30 LIKE TO SAY THAT IT LOOKS VERY BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL AND IT HAS THE DIGNITY OF
AMERICA AND IT SYMBOLIZES A NEW FUTURE AND

31 PROSPERITY OF AMERICA.

32 I BELIEVE THAT MAKING AMERICA GREAT AGAIN IS YOUR GOAL, AND I BELIEVE THAT THAT IS
WHAT IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN

33 AMERICA, AND I THINK THE MOST SYMBOLIC THING OF THAT IS THE DOW JONES INDEX WHICH
REACHED A

34 RECORD HIGH RECENTLY, ALTHOUGH IT WENT DOWN A BIT, IT REACHED A RECORD HIGH, SO
I THINK THAT AMERICA IS BECOMING GREAT AGAIN.

35 SO I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A -- TAKING PLACE NOT ONLY IN THE SHIPBUILDING BUT ALSO
THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND I

36 HOPE THAT KOREA CAN BE A PART OF THAT WHEN IT COMES.

37 ONE THING THAT I WANTED TO SAY TO YOU IS THAT AMERICA IS KNOWN NOT AS A KEEPER
OF PEACE BUT A

38 MAKER OF PEACE, IT EMERGING MORE EVIDENTLY.

39 MANY IN EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST ARE COMING TO PEACE BECAUSE OF
THE ROLE THAT YOU ARE PLAYING.

40 AMONG THE MANY WORLD LEADERS I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE ONLY LEADER WHO HAS MADE
SUCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

41 AND I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT THE ONLY REMAINING DIVIDED NATION IN THE WORLD
IS THE

42 KOREAN PENINSULA, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR ROLE IN ESTABLISHING PEACE ON
THE KOREAN

43 PENINSULA, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR MEETING WITH KIM JONG-UN

44 AND CONSTRUCTION OF TRUMP TOWER IN NORTH KOREA AND PLAYING GOLF.

45 I BELIEVE HE WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU.

46 KOREA WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH OUR IRONCLAD ALLIANCE,
GOING FORWARD

47 I HOPE TO DEVELOP OUR EYE ALLIANCE INTO A FUTURE ORIENTED ALLIANCES NOT ONLY
COMMIT TODAY SECURITY BUT ALSO THE ECONOMY AND

48 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

49 THE KOREAN PEOPLE HAVE GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THANK YOU
ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME. >> WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

50 IT'S AN HONOR TO BE WITH YOU. I WILL SAY THAT KIM JONG-UN AND I HAD A VERY GOOD
RELATIONSHIP AS YOU REMEMBER. AND STILL DO.

51 AND WHEN I CAME IN, I DIDN'T KNOW HIM, WE HAD TWO SUMMITS, BUT WE BECAME VERY
FRIENDLY.

52 RESPECT, IT WAS GREAT RESPECT. AND IT WAS NOT GOING TO BE THAT WAY, HAD HILLARY
CLINTON WON THE

53 ELECTION, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A DISASTER. BUT WE THINK WE CAN DO SOMETHING IN
THAT REGARD WITH RESPECT TO NORTH AND SOUTH, AND I THINK

54 YOU ARE MUCH MORE PRONE TO DOING THAT THAN OTHER LEADERS THAT I'VE BEEN
WORKING WITH FROM

55 SOUTH KOREA, AND WE'LL WORK ON THAT. I THINK IT'S VERY GOOD TO WORK ON THAT. IF
YOU REMEMBER, YOU WERE DOING THE OLYMPICS AND THERE WAS A

56 GREAT TIME OF HOSTILITY WITH NORTH KOREA, AND YOU WEREN'T SELLING TICKETS
BECAUSE NOBODY WANTED TO BE BLOWN UP IN THE

57 STADIUM DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY, RIGHT? AND YOU WERE NOT SELLING

58 TICKETS, AND I WAS ALSO IN MY FORMATIVE STAGE WITH NORTH KOREA AND KIM JONG-UN,
AND WE WERE A

59 LITTLE BIT GOING AT IT , ROCKET MAN, LITTLE ROCKET MAN, BACK AND FORTH, AND IT WAS
REALLY NASTY, THEN I GOT A CALL ONE DAY, AND

60 THEY WANTED TO GET TOGETHER, THEY WANTED TO TALK, AND WE STARTED TALKING, AND
THEN HE

61 SAID REALLY BRILLIANTLY, HE SAID, YOU KNOW, THE OLYMPICS IS GOING TO BE OPENING
VERY SOON, AND WE'D LIKE TO BE A PART OF

62 IT. THEY ACTUALLY PUT TEAMS IN IT. HE GOT ALONG GREAT, AND BY THE WAY, IMMEDIATELY
UPON THAT PHONE CALL, HE STARTED SELLING -- YOU

63 STARTED SELLING TICKETS AND IT STARTED OUT TO BE A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. SO IT
WENT FROM BEING EMPTY STADIUMS BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE AFRAID TO GO, BECAUSE IT
WAS A

64 TARGET POTENTIALLY, TO A GREAT SUCCESS, AND I WAS VERY PROUD OF THAT. YOU HAD
ONE OF THE MOST

65 SUCCESSFUL OLYMPICS, AND NOW WE HAVE THE OLYMPICS COMING TO THE U.S. , SO WE'RE
VERY HAPPY ABOUT THAT.

66 BUT THAT WAS A GREAT HONOR TO GET INVOLVED AND MAKE THE OLYMPICS SO
SUCCESSFUL.

67 >> MR. PRESIDENT, YOU MENTIONED ABOUT PRESIDENT KIM, THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS IN
OFFICE DURING YOUR FIRST TERM, THE SITUATION

68 ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA WAS STABLE, BUT DURING THE SHORT HIATUS WHERE YOU
WERE OUT OF OFFICE, NORTH KOREA DEVELOPED

69 FURTHER ITS NUCLEAR AND MISSILE CAPABILITIES, AND THAT LED TO A DETERIORATION ON
THE SITUATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

70 >> AND THEY WOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT. THEY WOULD NOT HAVE DONE THAT IF

71 I WERE PRESIDENT.

72 >> I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU.

73 >> WHEN THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR ISSUED A STATEMENT DENOUNC ING

74 SOUTH KOREA, SHE MENTIONED ABOUT THE GOOD -- NOT BAD RELATIONSHIP

75 BETWEEN YOU AND CHAIRMAN KIM JONG-UN AND I BELIEVE THIS IS A SIGN THAT NORTH
KOREA IS WAITING.

76 SO I HOPE THAT YOU WILL USHER IN A NEW ERA OF PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. >> I
WILL DO THAT, AND WE'LL

77 HAVE TALKS, HE'D LIKE TO MEET WITH ME. HE DIDN'T WANT TO MEET WITH BIDEN BECAUSE
HE HAD NO RESPECT FOR BIDEN, BUT WE LOOK FORWARD

78 TO MEETING WITH HIM AND WE'LL MAKE RELATIONS BETTER. YOU'LL HELP THAT.

79 YOU HAD A LOT OF LEADERS, I'VE GOT THROUGH A LOT OF LEADERS IN SOUTH KOREA, YOU
KNOW, IT'S BEEN

80 QUICK, YOU'LL BE THERE FOR A LONG TIME. BUT WE AND THE VARIOUS LEADERS THAT I'VE
DEALT WITH, THEY WERE NOT APPROACHING IT PROPERLY IN

81 MY OPINION, HAVING TO DO WITH NORTH KOREA. BUT I THINK YOUR APPROACH IS A MUCH BETTER ONE.

82 >> RESOLVING THIS ISSUE TO MY ENGAGEMENT IS NOT AN EASY THING, AND THE ONLY PERSON THAT CAN

83 MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE IS YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

84 IF YOU BECOME THE PEACEMAKER, I WILL ASSIST YOU BY BEING A PEACEMAKER.

85 >> WE CAN DO BIG PROGRESS, I THINK, WITH NORTH KOREA. ABSOLUTELY.

86 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD JOB. OKAY.

87 QUESTIONS PLEE? >> MR. PRESIDENT, WHEN YOU MET

88 WITH RUSSIAN PRESIDENT PUTIN, HOW SOON DID HE SAY HE WANTED TO SIT DOWN WITH UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT ZELENSKY? THERE'S NO MEETING ON THE BOOKS

89 AND KNOW AGENDA. >> THAT'S GOT TO BE UP TO THEM. IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO. I ALWAYS SAY. AND THEY SHOULD MEET, I THINK,

90 BEFORE I HAVE A MEETING AND PROBABLY CLOSE THE DEAL. BUT I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THEY MEET. THEY DO NOT EXACTLY GET ALONG

91 WELL. , AND I'M SURE IT'S A MEETING THAT PERHAPS HE DIDN'T LIKE.

92 BUT HE WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT COMING TO THE UNITED STATES EITHER. THAT WAS A BIG CONCESSION, AND I

93 APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT HE DID. YOU KNOW, I'VE ALWAYS HAD A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP DESPITE A FAKE

94 RUSSIA, RUSSIA, RUSSIA HAUNT THAT WE HAD, BUT WE'VE ALWAYS HAD A GREAT RELATIONSHIP, VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP, STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH RUSSIA.

95 THAT'S A GOOD THING, NOT A BAD THING, BY THE WAY. THAT'S A VERY GOOD THING. AND IT'S GOOD TO GET ALONG WITH KIM JONG-UN AND TO GET ALONG

96 WITH EVERYBODY, INCLUDING PRESIDENT LEE, IT'S GOOD TO GET ALONG, AND I GET ALONG WITH FOREIGN LEADERS. YOU SEE THAT WITH THE BIGGEST GROUP OF FOREIGN LEADERS THAT

97 WE'VE EVER HAD. DON'T FORGET THE EUROPEAN UNION WAS HERE ALSO REPRESENTING A LARGE GROUP OF COUNTRIES JUST RECENTLY.

98 SO I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO GET THAT WAR STRAIGHTENED OUT, WE'RE GOING TO GET IT DONE. I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY'LL MEET,

99 MAYBE THEY WILL, MAYBE THEY WON'T. THEY'D LIKE ME TO BE AT THE MEETING.

100 I SAID YOU GUYS OUGHT TO WORK IT OUT HE, IN THE MEANTIME WE'RE NOT SPENDING ANY MONEY AS YOU

101 KNOW ON UKRAINE, WE'RE SELLING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO NATO, NATO

102 NOW IS TAKING IN A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM THE COUNTRIES.

103 THEY'RE TAKING IN 5% OF GDP VERSUS 2%. THEY'RE PAYING THE 5%, THEY NEVER PAID THE 2%, MOST OF

104 THEM. NATO HAS A LOT OF MONEY. WE ARE SELLING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO NATO AT FULL PRICE.

105 AND NATO IS DISTRIBUTING THAT EQUIPMENT TO WHEREVER THEY ARE, PRANCE UKRAINE.

106 SO NATO IS WORKING WITH UKRAINE. BIDEN WAS GIVING HUNDREDS OFMILLIONS OF DOLLARS JUST

107 GIVING MONEY WILLY-NILLY NOT GOING WHERE IT WAS GOING, IT WAS TERRIBLE WHAT WAS HAPPENING. SO WE'RE NOT INVOLVED ANYMORE,

108 WE'RE IN FOR IT AT \$350 BILLION. AS YOU KNOW, I ALSO GOT THE RARE EARTH DEAL DONE WITH UKRAINE, WHICH WAS WORTH MUCH MORE THAN

109 THE \$350 BILLION. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN MONEY SO MUCH, EVEN THOUGH WE'VE DONE A

110 GREAT JOB IN THAT REGARD, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THAT. I'M INTERESTED IN STOPPING A WAR

111 WHERE LAST WEEK SOLDIERS DIED, BOTH RUSSIAN AND UKRAINE. IT'S SUCH A WASTE OF LIFE AND HUMANITY.

112 THEY'RE NOT FROM THIS COUNTRY, THEY'RE NOT FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY OTHER THAN UKRAINE FOR THE MOST PART, OTHER THAN UKRAINE AND RUSSIA.

113 IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT THING TO ME TO STOP IT. I STOPPED SEVEN WARS, WARS THAT WERE RAGING, ONE FOR 31 YEARS,

114 THE CONGO, AND AS YOU KNOW, RWANDA, ONE FOR 35 YEARS, I

115 TONIGHT DON'T HAVE TO GO INTO THEM, YOU KNOW THE LIST BETTER THAT BE THAN I DO.

116 INDIA AND PAKISTAN, WHICH WAS PROBABLY TWO WEEKS AWAY FROM BEING A NUCLEAR WAR, THEY WERE SHOOTING DOWN AIRPLANES ALL OVER THE PLACE SO I'M VERY PROUD OF

117 THAT. I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE IN MANY WAYS THE EASIEST ONE, I HAVE A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH

118 PUTIN, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE THE EASIEST ONE TO STOP, IT'S NOT, VERY COMPLEX. IT'S VERY PERSONAL FROM THEIR STANDPOINT, THERE'S TREMENDOUS

119 DISLIKE BETWEEN THE TWO MEN AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STRAIGHTEN THAT OUT. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM BE FIRST.

120 THEY'D LIKE ME TO BE THERE. I MAY BE THERE, I MAY NOT. I'LL SEE. BUT I WANTED THEM TO WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES FIRST BECAUSE IT IS A COMMITMENT BETWEEN

121 THEM. AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I THINK WE'LL GET AN END.

122 » HOW LONG ARE YOU WILLING TO LET THIS PLAY OUT AND IF THEY DON'T MEET, WILL THERE BE CONSEQUENCES AND HOW SOON FOR RUSSIA? » YEAH, THERE COULD BE VERY BIG

123 CONSEQUENCES BUT WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS TO END.

124 THIS WAR WOULD HAVE NEVER TAKEN PLACE, AND FOR FOUR YEARS, IT DIDN'T TAKE PLACE, BUT IF I WERE PRESIDENT, THIS WAR WOULD HAVE NEVER TAKEN PLACE.

125 AND THERE HAS NOT BEEN A WAR LIKE THIS SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THIS IS THE BIGGEST THING THAT'S

126 HAPPENED IN TERMS OF WARFARE, WARS. IT'S A WHOLE NEW FORM OF FIGHTING. IT'S DRONE FIGHTING, IT'S A DRONE WAR, A DRONE WAR NEVER

127 EXISTED BEFORE. AND WE'RE ACTUALLY STUDYING IT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF PETE HEGSETH AND EVERYBODY, WE'RE

128 STUDYING IT VERY CAREFULLY. THIS IS A WHOLE NEW FORM OF WAR, BUT IT'S A VIOLENT WAR, AND THERE'S BEEN NOTHING LIKE THIS

129 SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR. SO WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS OVER THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO, AND AT

130 THAT POINT, I'LL STEP IN VERY STRONGLY AND IF I HAVE TO BE THERE, I'LL BE THERE.

131 AND WE'LL EITHER HAVE A DEAL OR WE WON'T, BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE DYING AND I WANT TO GET IT STOPPED.

132 » IF KIM JONG-UN WANTS TO MEET, WHEN DO YOU WANT TO MEET WITH HIM? » WE WANT TO HAVE A MEETING.

133 I'D LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING. I GET ALONG GREAT WITH HIM. YOU KNOW, YOU WERE THERE. WE EVEN HAD A PRESS CONFERENCE.

134 HE HAD HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE. KIM JONG-UN HAD A PRESS CONFERENCE. THIS WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT PRESS K CONFERENCE.

135 I SAID HAVE YOU DONE A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE? NO. AND YOU KNOW WHAT? HE DID GREAT. IT WAS A GREAT PRESS CONFERENCE

136 ACTUALLY. IT WAS HISTORIC. I DOUBT HE'S DONE ONE SINCE BUT I SAID WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET THE FAKE NEWS?

137 HE GOES, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO, AND THEY CAME IN, AND THEY CAME IN LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.

138 AND THEN HE SAID, ENOUGH! AND THAT WAS THE END. [LAUGHTER] IT ENDED VERY RAPIDLY.

139 BUT I THINK HE HAD A GOOD TIME. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH KIM JONG-UN IN THE APPROPRIATE FUTURE.

140 » -- FOR FLEXIBILITY IN THE REGION? WOULD YOU CONSIDER REDUCING THE NUMBER OF U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA SO THAT UNITED STATES CAN HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE

141 REGION? >> WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS, WE'RE FRIENDS, WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE, WE HAVE OVER 40,000

142 TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA. AS YOU KNOW, SOUTH KOREA AGREED TO PAY FOR THAT DURING MY LAST

143 TERM AND THEN WHEN BIDEN CAME IN, THEY COMPLAINED TO BIDEN THAT I WASN'T BEING A NICE

144 PERSON AND HE AGREED FLOT TO PAY. NOT TO PAY.

145 BUT THEN BIDEN ENDED THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON. IT'S UNBELIEVABLE THAT HE DID. BUT WE HAVE A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP MILITARILY.

146 THEY WOULD SAY. BUT WE GAVE YOU LAND. I SAID NO YOU DIDN'T, YOU LEASE US LAND.

147 THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE. MAYBE ONE OF THE THINGS I'D LIKE TO DO IS ASK THEM TO GIVE US OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND WHERE WE HAVE THE BIG FORT.

148 WE SPENT A LOT OF MONEY BUILDING A FORT, AND THERE WAS A CONTRIBUTION MADE BY SOUTH KOREA, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF WE COULD GET RID OF THE

149 LEASE AND GET OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND WHERE WE HAVE A MASSIVE MILITARY BASE.

150 >> HOW ARE YOU PLANNING TO MEET, I ALSO WANT TO ASK THIS -- >> WHAT? >> I'M FROM SOUTH KOREA, THANK

151 YOU SO MUCH. SO AS MENTIONED EARLIER, UNITED STATES AND SOUTH KOREA ARE MOST IMPORTANT AND CLOSEST ALLIES.

152 IN THIS POINT OF VIEW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU AND ALSO PRESIDENT LEE WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE

153 KEYWAYS TO MAKE THE SOUTH KOREA-U.S. ALLIANCE GREATER? >> I THINK IT'S GREAT NOW, AND I

154 FEEL VERY WARMLY TOWARD SOUTH KOREA. I WILL TELL YOU THAT I HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN BUSINESS THAT I

155 DEAL WITH THAT ARE FROM SOUTH KOREA. THEY LOVE TRUMP. BECAUSE THEY FEEL I SAVED -- I THINK YOU WOULD HAVE HAD A NUCLEAR WAR.

156 I THINK WOULD YOU HAVE HAD A NUCLEAR WAR, NORTH KOREA AND SOUTH KOREA, I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A DISASTER.

157 YOU'RE ONLY 60 MILES AWAY, THEY HAVE THEIR CANNONS. THEY HAVE THEM BURIED IN THE MOUNTAIN.

158 YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. AND I THINK YOU WOULD HAVE HAD -- IF I DIDN'T WIN THAT

159 ELECTION, IF CROOKED HILLARY WON THAT ELECTION I THINK YOU WOULD HAVE HAD A NUCLEAR WAR TAKEN

160 PLACE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HORRENDOUS FOR EVERYBODY, INCLUDING THEM. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY BAD FOR

161 THEM BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO ENTER THE PICTURE AND WE ARE THE MOST POWERFUL NUCLEAR COUNTRY IN THE WORLD BY FAR.

162 RUSSIA IS SECOND, CHINA IS THIRD. CHINA IS GOING TO CATCH EVENTUALLY, FIVE OR SIX YEARS, THEY'RE WORKING TO CATCH.

163 ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE TRYING TO DO WITH RUSSIA AND WITH CHINA

164 IS DENUCLEARIZATION. AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. ONE OF THE THINGS I DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT PUTIN THE OTHER

165 DAY WASN'T JUST THAT, IT WAS ALSO OTHER THINGS, AND I THINK THE DENUCLEARIZATION IS A VERY -- IT'S A BIG AIM, BUT

166 RUSSIA IS WILLING TO DO IT, AND I THINK CHINA IS GOING TO BE WILLING TO DO IT TOO.

167 WE CAN'T LET NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROLIFERATE. WE HAVE TO STOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE POWERS DO. OKAY?

168 THANK YOU. >> MR. PRESIDENT, A QUESTION ABOUT SOUTH KOREA-U.S. ALLIANCE.

169 I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE TRADE DEAL THAT'S ON THE TABLE. YOU MENTIONED ABOUT THE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY.

170 AND PRESIDENT LEE MENTIONED ABOUT THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, AND WHAT OTHER AREAS

171 THAT YOU INTEND TO FOCUS ON THIS TRADE DEAL BECAUSE KOREA IS IN

172 MANY INVESTMENTS AND -- BUT I'D LIKE TO KNOW AT THE END OF BOTH,

173 HOW DO YOU GET UP AND OFFICIAL OUTCOME FOR BOTH COUNTRIES FOR THE DEAL? >> WE'RE GOING TO GET ALONG GREAT BECAUSE WE REALLY NEED

174 EACH OTHER. WE LOVE WHAT THEY DO, WE LOVE THEIR PRODUCT, WE LOVE THEIR SHIPS, WE LOVE A LOT OF THE THINGS THAT THEY MAKE. AND THEY LOVE WHAT WE HAVE.

175 WE'RE DEALING WITH THEM ON ALASKA ASKING TO DO WITH THE OIL. YOU NEED OIL AND WE HAVE IT. SO WE HAVE A BIG ADVANTAGE IN

176 THAT WAY. WE HAVE MORE OIL AND GAS AND COAL AND ENERGY THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD BY FAR.

177 FOR WHATEVER REASON, GOD WAS VERY GOOD TO US. HE GAVE US THE GREATEST -- WE DIDN'T USE IT. WE STARTED TO USE WIND. WIND DOESN'T WORK.

178 THEY TRIED TO USE SOLAR PANELS, IT TOOK OVER THE LAND ALL OVER THE MIDWEST, THE FARMERS SAID WHAT HAPPENED TO MY LAND?

179 THEY HAVE A 10-MILE BY 10-MILE SOLAR FIELD THAT THEY COULDN'T FARM, THE MOST VALUABLE LAND, FARMING LAND IN THE WORLD

180 PROBABLY THE MOST VIBRANT IN THE WORLD, AND THEY PUT SOLAR PLANTS ALL OVER THE PLACE. IT'S RIDICULOUS.

181 BIG MASSIVE BLACK FIELDS OF SOLAR, IT ALL COMES OUT OF CHINA, ALL PLASTIC, ALL COMES OUT OF CHINA.

182 BUT WE HAVE THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF ENERGY IN THE WORLD AND WE'RE DEALING WITH SOUTH KOREA. AS YOU KNOW, AND ALASKA, AND

183 WE'RE GOING TO BE MAKING A DEAL, A JOINT VENTURE WITH SOUTH KOREA. JAPAN IS INVOLVED ALSO, VERY STRONGLY INVOLVED.

184 SO WE HAVE JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA, AND WE'RE ACTUALLY THE CLOSEST, YOU KNOW, IT SEEMS LIKE

185 QUITE FAR AWAY. ALASKA AND -- BUT ACTUALLY, IT'S RIGHT UP THE LITTLE OCEAN, RIGHT

186 UP THE LITTLE PACIFIC OCEAN. IT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY CLOSE RELATIVELY SPEAKING. BUT WE HAVE MORE OIL AND GAS AND COAL THAN ANY OTHER NATION IN

187 THE WORLD BY FAR, AND WE'RE GOING TO USE IT, AND THAT'S -- THE THING THAT SOUTH KOREA -- I

188 THINK MOST WANTS FROM US, I WOULD THINK.

189 >> WOULD YOU GO BACK TO THE DMZ TO MEET WITH THE NORTH KOREAN LEADER? >> I LOVE -
- REMEMBER WHEN I

190 WALKED ACROSS THE LINE AN EVERYONE WENT CRAZY? ESPECIALLY SECRET SERVICE?

191 AND I LOOKED INTO THOSE WINDOWS, YOU KNOW, THE WINDOWS, THE GLASS, THAT YOU COULD ONLY SEE

192 IF YOU LOOK DIRECT BUT I LOOKED IN AND SAY MORE RIFLES POINTING AT ME THAT YOU COULD -- THERE WERE A LOT OF RIFLES IN THAT

193 BUILDING. THE SECRET SERVICE WAS NOT HAPPY. YOU KNOW THE BUILDINGS I'M TALKING ABOUT, THE TWO BLUE

194 BUILDINGS ON EACH SIDE, AND I WALKED UP THE MIDDLE AND I LOOKED IN THE WINDOW AND I SAW

195 MORE GUNS IN THAT ROOM THAN I'VE EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE. I LOOKED IN THE OTHER SIDE AND IT WAS THE SAME THING.

196 AND YET I FELT SAFE. I FELT SAFE BECAUSE I HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH KIM JONG-UN.

197 I HAVE A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP, I UNDERSTAND HIM, I SPENT A LOT OF FREE TIME WITH HIM TALKING

198 ABOUT THINGS THAT WE PROBABLY AREN'T SUPPOSED TO TALK ABOUT. AND YOU KNOW, I JUST -- I GET ALONG WITH HIM REALLY WELL.

199 I THINK HE HAS A COUNTRY OF GREAT POTENTIAL, TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL.

200 >> WILL YOU MEET HIM THIS YEAR OR MAYBE NEXT YEAR? >> I'M MEETING A LOT OF PEOPLE. IT'S HARD TO SAY THAT, BUT I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM THIS YEAR.

201 PRESIDENT XI WOULD LIKE ME TO COME TO CHINA, IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP.
AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE TAKING A LOT OF MONEY IN FROM CHINA BECAUSE

202 OF THE TARIFFS AND DIFFERENT THINGS, AND IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP.

203 WE'RE GOING TO GET ALONG GOOD WITH CHINA. I HEAR SO MANY STORIES ABOUT WE'RE
NOT GOING TO ALLOW THEIR STUDENTS. WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW THEIR

204 STUDENTS TO COME IN. WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW IT. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. 600,000
STUDENTS. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. BUT WE'RE GOING TO GET ALONG

205 WITH CHINA. BUT IT'S A DIFFERENT RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE NOW WITH CHINA. IT'S A
MUCH BETTER RELATIONSHIP ECONOMICALLY.

206 THAN IT WAS BEFORE WITH BIDEN. BOY, WHAT HE ALLOWED, THEY JUST TOOK HIM TO THE
CLEANERS. YOU KNOW THE EXPRESSION? THEY TOOK HIM TO THE CLEANERS.

207 I'M SURE THEY HAVE AN EQUAL EXPRESSION IN SOUTH KOREA, BUT THEY TOOK THAT GUY
OUT FOR A

208 RIDE LIKE NOBODY'S EVER BEEN RIDDEN BEFORE. TERRIBLE. BUT WE HAVE A VERY STRONG

209 RELATIONSHIP, I WOULD SAY, THE ECONOMIC --

210 SO THEIR PLANES CAN FLY. I COULD HAVE HELD THEM BACK, I DIDN'T DO THAT BECAUSE OF
THE RELATIONSHIP I HAVE.

211 THEIR PLANES ARE NOW FLYING. WE HAD 200 OF THEIR PLANES WERE UNABLE TO FLY
BECAUSE WE WERE NOT GIVING THEM BOEING PARTS PURPOSELY, BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T

212 GIVING US MAGNET, THEREFORE, WE WEREN'T GIVING THEM -- BUT WE

213 HAVE A MUCH MORE POWERFUL THING IN TARIFFS. IF WE WANT TO PUT 100%, 200% TARIFFS,
WE WOULDN'T DO ANY

214 BUSINESS WITH CHINA AND YOU KNOW, THAT WOULD BE OKAY TOO IF WE HAD TO. BUT THE
MAGNET SITUATION, WE HAVE TREMENDOUS POWER OVER THEM

215 AND THEY HAVE SOME POWER OVER US WITH MAGNETS. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF
MAGNETS IN A PRETTY SHORT PERIOD

216 OF TIME. IN FACT, WE'LL HAVE SO MANY WE WON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM. BUT YOU
KNOW THE STORY. IT'S A VERY INTERESTING HISTORY

217 WITH MAGNETS. AND REALLY BECAUSE PRESIDENTS, NOT BEING BUSINESS PEOPLE, THEY
ALLOWED THAT TO HAPPEN. AND THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE.

218 BUT WE HAVE MUCH MORE IN TERMS OF PLAYING THE CARDS, WE HAVE MUCH BIGGER AND
BETTER CARDS THAN THEY DO.

219 BUT WITH THAT BEING SAID, I THINK WE HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP. I SPOKE TO
PRESIDENT XI FAIRLY RECENTLY, AND AT SOME POINT

220 PROBABLY VERY SHORTLY THEREAFTER, WE'LL GO TO CHINA. AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO --
IT'S A GREAT COUNTRY.

221 >> YOU AND PRESIDENT LEE ACTUALLY ARE PLANNING -- THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR, WOULD YOU

222 PLEASE SHARE MORE DETAILS ABOUT YOUR PLANS? >> WELL, MAYBE WE'LL GO TOGETHER. DO YOU WANT TO GO TOGETHER?

223 WE CAN SHARE A PLANE, WE'LL SAVE ENERGY. [LAUGHTER]

224 WE'LL SAVE A LITTLE -- THE OZONE LAYER. REMEMBER PRESIDENT OBAMA USED TO

225 TALK ABOUT THE OZONE LAYER, THEN HE'D FLY TO HAWAII TO PLAY A ROUND OF GOLF IN A 747.

226 >> I WOULD LIKE TO GO.

227 >> IF YOU WANT TO GO, I'M GOING TO GET SPECIAL PERMISSION, I'M SURE YOU CAN GO.

228 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA. IT'S HAPPENING. I SEE IT. IT'S HAPPENING. THEY HAVE CARDS, WE HAVE

229 INCREDIBLE CARDS BUT I DON'T WANT TO PLAY THOSE CARDS. IT WOULD DESTROY CHINA. >> THE NATIONAL GUARD, WOULD YOU

230 ALSO CONSIDER SENDING THE NATIONAL GUARD INTO RED STATES AND RED CITIES THAT ARE ALSO SEEING HIGH CRIME? >> SURE.

231 BUT THERE AREN'T THAT MANY OF THEM. IF YOU LOOK AT THE TOP 25

232 CITIES, THE CRIME, JUST ABOUT EVERY ONE OF THOSE CITIES IS RUN BY DEMOCRATS. AND YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE BAD

233 THINGS THEY DID CASHLESS BAIL. IF YOU LOOK BACK IN TIME, WHEN THEY ALLOWED A MURDERER OUT THAT

234 OF A NOON, YOU KNOW, HE'D KILL SOMEBODY AND THEN A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER, HE'S WALKING THE STREETS AGAIN, OFTENTIMES

235 KILLING AGAIN RAPIDLY. CASHLESS BAIL IS A DISASTER. YOU SAW WE HAD A NEWS CONFERENCE

236 TODAY ON THAT. WE'RE WIPING IT OUT IN D.C. . IMMEDIATELY WIPING IT OUT.

237 IT STARTED IN NEW YORK. AND IT BEEN A HORRIBLE THING FOR

238 CRIME. ESPECIALLY VIOLENT CRIME. SO WE'RE GOING TO END CASHLESS BAIL, YES. THANK YOU. >> WHEN WILL YOU DEPLOY TO

239 CHICAGO AND HOW LONG ARE YOU KEEPING TROOPS HERE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.? >> I REALLY WANT TO BE APPRECIATED, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE

240 GO INTO A CITY AND WIPE OUT THE CRIME, SO D.C. , IT SOUNDS SO HORRIBLE, I'M EMBARRASSED TO

241 SAY IT BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THIS. WASHINGTON, D.C. , SIR, HAS NOT HAD A MURDER IN 11 DAYS.

242 NOW, HE'S SAYING THAT'S A HORRIBLE THING TO HEAR, BECAUSE

243 THEY DON'T HAVE MURDERS FOREVER, BUT WASHINGTON, D.C., IF YOU GO BACK AND CHECK, IT'S BEEN MANY

244 YEARS SINCE WE WENT A WEEK WITHOUT HAVING A MURDER. NOW WE HAVEN'T HAD -- AND I

245 WOULD SAY THAT WASHINGTON, D.C. RIGHT NOW IS MUCH SAFER THAN SEOUL.

246 YOU KNOW WHY? WE HAVE A FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR, YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT KIND OF

247 PROBLEM. WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS, BUT WASHINGTON, D.C. IS A VERY SAFE CITY RIGHT NOW. PEOPLE ARE GOING OUT TO DINNER, RESTAURANTS ARE OPENING,

248 RESTAURANTS THAT WERE GOING TO CLOSE ARE NOW GOING TO STAY OPEN. FRIENDS OF MINE ARE GOING OUT TO DINNER ALL THE TIME.

249 THEY DIDN'T GO OUT TO DINNER FOR FOUR YEARS. IT WENT RAMPANT DURING THE BIDEN YEARS.

250 JUST RAMPANT. THAT'S WHY SUSIE IS VERY CLOSE TO THE MAYOR AND HAS A LOT OF RESPECT FOR HER, BUT I VIEW IT

251 MAYBE A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE THE MAYOR WOULD SAY THAT IT'S GOTTEN BETTER FOR 30 YEARS, NO, IT'S GOTTEN WORSE.

252 AND THE WORST DAY OF ALL WAS WHEN WE JUST GOT TO OFFICE FOR THE SECOND TIME, AND IT'S IN

253 VERY BAD SHAPE. SO THE MAYOR SHOULDN'T BE SAYING THAT VIOLENT CRIME HAS BEEN GETTING BETTER. IT'S BEEN GETTING MUCH WORSE.

254 AND THE DAY I TOOK OFFICE, IT WAS THE WORST. AND WE DID SOME MINOR THINGS, MADE IT A LITTLE BIT BETTER, BUT THEN WE SAID LOOK, WE'VE GOT TO

255 STOP IT BECAUSE TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE GETTING KILLED. AND WE HAVE NOT HAD A MURDER IN 11 DAYS.

256 IT SOUNDS CRAZY. I HATE TO SAY THIS IN FRONT OF THIS GENTLEMAN WHO I RESPECT, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE MURDERS FOR YEARS. BUT WE HAVE NOT HAD A MURDER IN

257 11 DAYS, AND THAT'S GOING TO GO ON FOR A LONG TIME. AND THERE WILL BE, I GUESS, IT

258 WILL HAPPEN A LITTLE BIT, BUT WE HAVE A VERY SAFE CITY. THIS IS ONE OF THE SAFER CITIES RIGHT NOW IN THE COUNTRY, AND IN

259 A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, IT WILL BE LIKE THE BORDER. NOBODY CAME IN THROUGH OUR BORDER FOR THE LAST 90 DAYS, THREE MONTHS, WE HAD ZERO ILLEGAL ALIENS FROM THE CONGO,

260 FROM SOUTH AMERICA, FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, FROM PRISONS COMING IN, POURING INTO OUR COUNTRY.

261 NOBODY, NOT ONE PERSON, AND THIS IS DONE BY A LIBERAL GROUP, A LIBERAL THINK TANK, THEY DO THE WORK, NOT ONE PERSON HAS COME

262 INTO OUR COUNTRY. THINK OF THAT. IT'S BEEN AMAZING. AND I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO BACK TO

263 CONGRESS AND ASK -- BIDEN COULD HAVE DONE THIS BY HIMSELF. I DID, I SAID CLOSE THE BORDER.

264 WE HAD THE GREAT TOM HOMAN,

265 KRISTI NOME IS DOING A GREAT JOB, PETE HEGSETH IS DOING INCREDIBLE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR. WE CALL IT THE DEPARTMENT OF

266 DEFENSE BUT BETWEEN US, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE NAME. YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH? I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME INFORMATION ON THAT MAYBE SOON,

267 BUT I THINK -- BECAUSE YOU KNOW, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, WE WON

268 THE WORLD WAR I, WORLD WAR II, IT WAS CALLED THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR.

269 AND TO ME, THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT IS, BECAUSE DEFENSE IS A PART OF THAT. BUT I HAVE A FEELING WE'RE

270 GOING TO BE CHANGING IT, I'M TALKING TO THE PEOPLE, EVERYBODY LIKES THAT. WE HAD AN UNBELIEVABLE HISTORY OF VICTORY WHEN IT WAS

271 DEPARTMENT OF WAR. THEN WE CHANGED TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. SO THAT'S A LITTLE -- IT HAS

272 NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR COUNTRY, BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE HEARING ABOUT OR SEEING ABOUT OVER THE NEXT

273 COUPLE OF WEEKS, PROBABLY THAT CHANGE IS GOING TO BE MADE OVER THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.

274 >> I KNOW IT IS TWO KOREAS. THERE WAS ONE KOREA, IT WAS A VERY LARGE COUNTRY AND A VERY

275 POWERFUL COUNTRY, AND IT WAS A COUNTRY THAT WENT TO WAR WITH CHINA. PRESIDENT XI EXPLAINED IT, WENT

276 TO WAR WITH CHINA MANY TIMES OVER THE LAST 2,000 YEARS. AND MANY -- I THINK HE TOLD ME

277 WITH 51 TIMES. I REMEMBER I WENT TO PRESIDENT XI, I SAID YOU KNOW, WE'RE HAVING A PROBLEM WITH NORTH KOREA, STRAIGHTEN IT OUT, WOULD

278 YOU PLEASE? HE SAID, WELL, WE HAVE BEEN TO WAR WITH THEM, I THINK HE SAID 51 TIMES.

279 BUT AT THAT TIME IT WAS THE WHOLE OF KOREA, IT WASN'T NORTH AND SOUTH. AND AFTER HE EXPLAINED IT I SAID

280 ALL RIGHT, NOT GOING TO BE THAT EASY, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT YOU KNOW, YOU HAD ONE KOREA, IT WAS A VERY BIG, POWERFUL NATION.

281 NOW YOU HAVE TWO BIG POWERFUL NATIONS, BUT YOU HAVE ESSENTIALLY A WALL IN BETWEEN.

282 >> THE COMMENTS YOU MADE ON NORTH KOREA THIS MORNING LIKE RAIDS ON CHURCHES, GOING INTO THE U.S. MILITARY BASE, HOW DO

283 YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

284 >> RIGHT, I HEARD FROM INTEL, I HEARD FROM INTEL THAT THERE WAS A RAID ON CHURCHES. WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT LATER.

285 I HAVEN'T SPOKEN ABOUT TO HIM YET BUT WHEN WE MEET. THAT WOULD BE TOO BAD IF THAT'S THE CASE, BUT I DID HEAR THAT FROM INTEL, THAT THERE WAS A

286 RAID ON CHURCHES, CLOSING SOME CHURCHES. WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER. I CAN ASK YOU THAT IF YOU WANT.

287 >> MR. PRESIDENT -- >> WAIT A MINUTE. IF YOU'D LIKE. BECAUSE IT DIDN'T SOUND TO ME LIKE SOUTH KOREA.

288 >> IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE KOREA OVERCAME THE POLITICAL

289 TURMOIL FOLLOWING THE -- BY THE FORMER PRESIDENT.

290 CURRENTLY THERE IS A FACT FINDING INVESTIGATION BY A PROSECUTOR, AND THIS SPECIAL

291 PROSECUTOR -- >> IS HIS NAME

292 DERANGED JACK SMITH BY ANY CHANCE? HE'S A DERANGED, SICK INDIVIDUAL.

293 GO AHEAD. I'M ONLY KIDDING. MAYBE I'M NOT. >> SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IS NOT

294 UNDER MY CONTROL, SO THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IS CONDUCTING A FACT FINDING INVESTIGATION, AND I

295 WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT U.S.

296 -- THEY LOOKED INTO THE CHAIN THE COMMAND, THE CONTROL SYSTEM OF THE KOREAN MILITARY.

297 I WOULD BE HAPPY TO -- >> IT'S OKAY. I'M SURE IT'S -- I AM SURE IT'S A MISUNDERSTANDING.

298 BUT YOU KNOW, THERE IS A RUMOR GOING AROUND THAT CHURCHES -- RAIDING CHURCHES SO WE'LL TALK. I'M SURE THAT'S GOING TO BE

299 WORKED OUT FINE. PLEASE GO AHEAD. >> MR. PRESIDENT, WHAT

300 CONVERSATIONS HAVE YOU HAD WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON

301 IN GAZA? BASED ON WHAT YOU KNOW AND WHAT YOU'VE BEEN BRIEFED ON, DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT?

302 » SO I MEAN, I DEAL WITH B.B. NETANYAHU QUITE A BIT. WE HAD GREAT SUCCESS IN IRAN,

303 WE KNOCKED OUT THEIR NUCLEAR -- THAT WOULD BE A HORROR SHOW, THEM HAVING A NEWELL CLEAR WEP.

304 THEY WOULD HAVE USED IT TOO. WE DID VERY WELL THERE. RIGHT NOW THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT GAZA CITY.

305 AT SOME POINT IT'S GOING TO GET SETTLED. I'M SAYING YOU BETTER GET IT SETTLED SOON. AND THAT MEANS, YOU KNOW, NOBODY

306 CAN FORGET OCTOBER 7TH. PEOPLE FORGET OCTOBER 7TH. THAT WAS ONE OF THE MOST -- I'VE SEEN SOME TERRIBLE THINGS, SOME BRUTAL THINGS, THAT WAS ABOUT

307 AS BAD AS IT GETS. AND NOBODY CAN FORGET THAT. WITH THAT BEING SAID, IT'S GOT TO GET OVER WITH. IT'S GOT TO GET OVER WITH

308 BECAUSE BETWEEN THE HUNGER AND ALL OF THE OTHER PROBLEMS, WORSE THAN HUNGER, DEATH, PURE DEATH,

309 PEOPLE BEING KILLED, AND I'M THE ONE THAT BROUGHT BACK THE HOSTAGES AND I DID IT WITH THAT GENTLEMAN RIGHT THERE, STEVE WHITCOFF AND WITH

310 MARCOUX. EVEN THE TRADE PEOPLE WORKED ON IT WITH US. AND WE BROUGHT BACK A LOT OF THE

311 HOSTAGE, NOW WE'RE LEFT WITH -- WOULD YOU SAY 20, STEVE, OR WOULD YOU SAY IT'S LESS THAN 20? » I HOPE IT'S 20. » HE HOPES IT'S 20 BECAUSE SOME

312 COULD BE DEAD. THAT'S WHAT HE MEANS, I ASSUME. » YES.

313 SO WE HAD 20 BUT THERE'S RUMORS SOME COULD BE DEAD. IT'S A TERRIBLE SITUATION OVER THERE, TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE SITUATION.

314 BUT IT'S COMING TO A HEAD, IT'S COMING TO AN END.

315 WE SEND \$60 MILLION OF FOOD OVER THERE JUST RECENTLY, AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF PEOPLE KNOW IT. WE DISTRIBUTE IT OURSELVES.

316 WE'RE GIVING A LOT OF FOOD, SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY ON FOOD, GETTING IT OVER THERE. WE HAVE A LOT OF FOOD. WE HAVE A LOT OF OIL AND WE

317 HAVE THE GREATEST FARMERS IN THE WORLD, SO WE HAVE A LOT OF FOOD, SO WE'RE SENDING A LOT OF IT OVER TO GAZA.

318 AND WE'RE FEEDING A LOT OF PEOPLE. BUT WITH ALL OF THAT BEING SAID, IT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE TO FEED. AND I THINK THAT WE WILL HAVE

319 -- I THINK WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE PRETTY GOOD CONCLUSIVE --

320 CONCLUSIVE ENDING. IT'S A HARD THING TO SAY BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW.

321 THAT'S BEEN A HOT BED FOREVER. BUT I THINK WE'RE DOING A VERY GOOD JOB, BUT IT DOES HAVE TO -- IT DOES HAVE TO END, BUT PEOPLE

322 CAN'T FORGET OCTOBER 7TH.

323 >> DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE SUMMIT? >> IN SOUTH KOREA? I'D LOVE TO.

324 LAST TIME I SPOKE IN FRONT OF YOUR PARLIAMENT AND I LOVED DOING THAT. BEAUTIFUL RESPECT THEY HAD FOR

325 OUR COUNTRY, AND A BEAUTIFUL ROOM, I REMEMBER HOW BEAUTIFUL IT WAS, AND I ENJOYED DOING IT. NO, I COULD SEE GOING.

326 I THINK I'M GOING FOR A TRADE MEETING TO SOUTH KOREA PRETTY SOON, YOU'RE HOSTING A TRADE MEETING, SO I CAN SNEAK AWAY

327 FROM THAT TRADE MEETING AND WE'LL GO AND DO SOMETHING FOR THE PRESIDENT IF HE'D LIKE ME TO DO THAT.

328 OKAY? BUT SO WE'LL BE GOING THERE FAIRLY SOON. >> IF YOU HAVE TIME, A CHANCE

329 TO -- [INAUDIBLE] >> YOU MEAN SET THEM UP TOGETHER?

330 >> YES. >> WE'LL ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND KIM JONG-UN. WOULD YOU LIKE THAT?

331 THAT'S A VERY TOUGH QUESTION. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT QUESTION IS LEADING. ANYWAY, LOOK, I GET ALONG GREAT

332 WITH KIM JONG-UN AND WHATEVER I CAN DO, HAVING TO DO WITH SOUTH KOREA AND GETTING PEOPLE TOGETHER, YOU SHOULD GET

333 TOGETHER, RIGHT? YES, MA'AM.

334 MAY TURN OUT TO BE THE WORST ONE IN THE ROOM.

335 OH, WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT, VERY STRONGLY. WITHIN A PERIOD OF -- YOU KNOW,

336 IT TAKES A WHILE, IT'S A HARD ONE TO START. SOME COMPANIES, YOU CAN START EASILY. SHIPBUILDING IS A TOUGH ONE TO START.

337 BUT WE'LL BE DOING THAT. OF NOW WITH THAT BEING SAID, WE MAKE THE BEST SUBMARINES ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

338 WE MAKE SUBMARINES, WE'RE 25 YEARS AT THE HEAD OF ANYBODY ELSE IN SUBMARINES, SO WE DO THAT. BUT WE REALLY GAVE UP THE

339 SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY FOOLISHLY MANY YEARS AGO. BUT WE'RE GOING TO START IT UP AGAIN. WE'RE GOING TO BE MAKING OUR OWN

340 CHIPS AGAIN SOON. OKAY, HOW ABOUT ONE OR TWO MORE. >> JOHN BOLTON'S HOME AND OFFICE

341 FRIDAY, HAVE YOU BEEN BRIEFED? » I HAVE NOT BEEN BRIEFED, I READ IT JUST LIKE YOU DID. I WAS NEVER A FAN OF HIS.

342 I THOUGHT HE WAS STUPID, I THOUGHT HE WAS, YOU KNOW, A GUY THAT ONLY WANTED TO GO INTO WAR,

343 HE LIKED KILLING PEOPLE. I THOUGHT HE WAS ESSENTIALLY A BAD GUY, BUT I'M NOT INVOLVED IN THAT, NO. YOU'D HAVE TO ASK PAM BONDI

344 ABOUT THAT. » MORE RAIDS LIKE THAT COMING, SIR? ARE MORE RAIDS LIKE THE ONE ON JOHN BOLTON'S HOUSE COMING?

345 » MORE RAIDS? I DON'T KNOW. YOU'D HAVE TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THEY RAIDED MY HOUSE, I CAN

346 TELL YOU THAT. THEY DID A BIG RAID ON MY HOUSE. THEY TOOK AWAY EVERYTHING THAT WASN'T PINNED DOWN AND THEY

347 TOOK AWAY SOME OF THAT TOO. NO, THEY RAIDED MAR-A-LAGO. THEY STARTED THAT. THESE WERE BAD PEOPLE THAT WE HAD IN OUR GOVERNMENT. BEFORE.

348 THEY RAIDED MAR-A-LAGO, THEY WENT INTO MY WIFE'S AREA, THEY WENT INTO MY SON'S AREA, MY YOUNG SON.

349 AND WHAT THEY DID WAS A DISGRACE.

350 BUT HOW DID IT WORK OUT? I GUESS IT DIDN'T WORK OUT TOO WELL FOR THEM, DID IT?

351 THEY ARE BAD PEOPLE. THEY'RE SICK. THEY'RE SICK PEOPLE. AND THEY CAME IN WITH THEIR

352 GUNS INTO MAR-A-LAGO, LIKE 98 PEOPLE.

353 I WASN'T THERE FORTUNATELY, I WASN'T THERE, BUT THEY ARE -- THEY ARE VERY EVIL, VERY SICK PEOPLE, THAT GROUP.

354 AND IF THEY WOULD HAVE WON THE ELECTION, THIS COUNTRY WOULDN'T EXIST AS WE KNOW IT. THIS COUNTRY WOULD HAVE BEEN A FAILED COUNTRY.

355 AND NOW IT'S THE HOTTEST COUNTRY ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD BY FAR. WE ARE THE HOTTEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD BY FAR. OKAY.

356 YES, SIR. » PRESIDENT LEE MET WITH JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER, SO IS

357 THERE SOMETHING TO DISCUSS REGARDING THE COOPERATION AMONG SOUTH KOREA, U.S. AND JAPAN? » I THINK SO.

358 LOOK, JAPAN IS A GREAT ALLY OF US, AND I HAD A LITTLE BIT OF A HARD TIME GETTING YOU TWO TOGETHER BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL

359 THINKING ABOUT COMFORT WOMEN, RIGHT? COMFORT WOMEN, THAT'S ALL THEY WANTED TO TALK ABOUT, WAS COMFORT WOMEN. AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS SETTLED

360 A FEW TIMES OVER THE DECADES.

361 BUT THERE IS -- THERE IS AN OVERLAPPING PROBLEM WITH THAT. PERHAPS I'M WRONG IN SAYING IT.

362 PERHAPS -- BUT THE WHOLE ISSUE OF THE WOMEN , COMFORT WOMEN,

363 VERY SPECIFICALLY WE TALKED, AND IT'S A VERY BIG PROBLEM FOR KOREA. NOT FOR JAPAN. JAPAN WAS WANTING TO GO -- THEY

364 WANT TO GET ON, AND -- BUT KOREA WAS VERY STUCK ON THAT, YOU UNDERSTAND, SO I DON'T KNOW, PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO ANSWER

365 TOO. GOOD QUESTION. IT WAS HARD GETTING JAPAN AND

366 KOREA TOGETHER BECAUSE OF WHAT TOOK PLACE A LONG TIME AGO.

367 BUT JAPAN WANTS TO DO IT, I CAN SAY. KOREA IS A LEL BIT MORE G A LITTLE BIT MORE

368 GENEROUS.

369 >> -- THE KOREA-U.S. RELATIONSHIP AS WELL.

370 >> BECAUSE I KNOW PRESIDENT TRUMP THAT YOU PUT -- ON

371 TRILATERAL COOPERATION , -- TO SETTLE THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE. >> JAPAN WANTS TO GET ALONG VERY

372 WELL WITH YOU. AND I FIND THEM TO BE GREAT PEOPLE, GREAT COUNTRY

373 OBVIOUSLY, AND THEY WANT VERY MUCH TO GET ALONG WITH SOUTH KOREA. AND YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON, YOU KNOW, YOU WANT TO

374 SOLVE THE NORTH KOREA PROBLEM. BUT JAPAN VERY MUCH WANTS TO GET ALONG WITH YOU AND I'M SURE THEY WILL.

375 I FIND THE PEOPLE THAT I DEAL WITH TO BE WONDERFUL PEOPLE, AS I DO WITH YOU.

376 >> WHEN I VISITED JAPAN AND VISITED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, I REALIZED A LOT OF THE OBSTACLES THAT EXISTED BETWEEN

377 OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE NOW BEEN REMOVED. >> DURING MY TERM. . WE REMOVED THEM DURING MY TERM.

378 WE REMOVED MANY OF THOSE OBSTACLES. AND YOU KNOW, IF YOU LOOK AT

379 PRIME MINISTER ABI WHO WAS A GREAT MAN, HE WAS GREAT FRIEND OF MINE AND HE WAS ASSASSINATED BUT HE FELT VERY WARMLY TOWARD

380 YOUR COUNTRY, I CAN TELL YOU THAT. AND THE CURRENT PRIME MINISTER WHO I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW VERY WELL FEELS THE SAME WAY.

- 381** SO I THINK YOU CAN HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN. STEVE, GO AHEAD. >> CLOSE THE LOOP ON GAZA, IS THERE A DIPLOMATIC PUSH
- 382** UNDERWAY TO TRY TO GET ALL THIS TO END? >> OH, THERE'S A DIPLOMATIC PUSH.
- 383** THERE HAS BEEN, YEAH, SURE, RIGHT NOW, STEVE, I WOULD SAY VERY SERIOUS DIPLOMATIC PUSH. MARCO, DO YOU WANT TO ANSWER
- 384** THAT? >> IT'S NEVER STOPPED. WE'VE ALWAYS LOOKED TO FIND A
- 385** SOLUTION THERE, ULTIMATELY AS THE PRESIDENT SAID, WE WANT TO END, IT HAS TO END WITH NO HAMAS.
- 386** >> STEVE, WHERE ARE WE? >> I WOULD SAY WE WOULDN'T BE ANYWHERE WITHOUT THE PRESIDENT'S
- 387** STATEMENT TO HAMAS LAST WEEK THAT THEY'VE GOT TO GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER AND GET TOGETHER AND TO THE PEACE
- 388** TABLE SO AS USUAL, HE IS THE MAN WHO MOVES IT. >> THANK YOU.