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1	you people could come in. Come on over, fellas.
2	We had a big meeting with a lot of
3	people, a lot of talent from Israel and from the US.
4	And I think we uh came to a lot of
5	conclusion, a lot of conclusion and conclusions.
6	uh there's very little difference
7	in uh what we're looking at and where we
8	want to be, where we want to go.
9	And so I just want to thank you for
10	spending time. I know you're going to be
11	over here for a couple of days and maybe
12	we'll be surprising us on New Year's
13	Eve. That'll be fine.
14	Oh, thank you.
15	And uh it's wonderful seeing you and
16	Sarah and your whole group. Very
17	talented group. We've done very good
18	work together and it'll continue. So,
19	thank you very much, baby.
20	Thank you.
21	Thank you very much.
22	I have to say that uh
23	I have to say that
24	in addition to what I said that we've
25	never had a friend even close a friend

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26	uh as President Trump in the White House,
27	I think he's been extraordinary in his
28	friendship and his support for Israel,
29	his principled positions,
30	his willingness to just cut through
31	to get to the essence of things. And I
32	don't say that as a compliment. Um, I
33	just mean it. People have heard me say
34	that behind your back, Mr. President,
35	many times. But I want to say something
36	else. I think we have a partnership, if
37	I can quote you,
38	second to none, I think it's allowed us
39	to do enormous things. You know, people
40	said there was a different conception at
41	one time, which means that America can
42	advance its interest in the Middle East
43	if it opens a lot of daylight between it
44	and Israel.
45	And President Trump has done the exact
46	opposite. He's achieved remarkable
47	things in the Middle East because we've
48	worked together. We talk about our
49	ideas. Sometimes we have different
50	ideas, but we work it out. And most of

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51	the time we see eye to eye. But it's
52	been a remarkable experience. And this
53	was a very very productive meeting and
54	may I say a very good lunch. Thank you.
55	Thank you for your friendship.
56	Thank you very much.
57	And thank you for your support. It's
58	meant from the heart.
59	Thank you. You know, as I said outside,
60	he's been a wartime prime minister and
61	we were look, I guess I could say I was
62	a wartime president in more places than
63	just Israel if you think about it. But
64	Israel was a big factor and we're with
65	you and we'll continue to be with you
66	and a lot of good things are happening
67	in the Middle East. We have peace in the
68	Middle East and we're going to try and
69	keep it that way. I think we will be
70	very successful in keeping it that way.
71	And uh you've been a a great friend and
72	I've been a great friend to you and to
73	Israel and it's been my honor and the
74	award that I was given was really
75	surprising and uh very much appreciated.

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76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100	Well, President Trump has broken so many conventions to the surprise of people and then they figure out, oh well, maybe you know he was right after all. So, we decided to break a convention to or create a new one. And that is to award uh the Israel Prize, which in almost our 80 years, we've never awarded it to a non-Israeli. And we're going to award it this year uh to President Trump. This was announced formally uh over lunch uh by uh our minister of education, who's responsible for the uh Israel Prize. It's going to be awarded to President Donald J. Trump for his tremendous contributions to Israel and the Jewish people. Uh I I think there's it's such a fitting thing and it would honor us obviously, Mr. President, if you could visit Israel uh in that occasion on our Independence Day. But uh I have to say that this reflects the overwhelming sentiment of Israelis across the the spectrum. They appreciate what you've done to help

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101	Israel and to help our common battle
102	against the terrorists and those who
103	would destroy our civilization. So
104	again, that's an expression of thanks um
105	and appreciation.
106	Thank you, baby, very much. That really
107	is a great honor.
108	Any questions, please? We'll go pretty
109	quickly because pretty much we agree on
110	most of the things and you would know
111	what most of those things are. Please go ahead.
112	Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to
113	know if if you and the prime minister
114	talked about having uh Israel pull back
115	its troops before uh Hamas fully
116	disarms. I know that's been been an
117	issue. Did you push for that today?
118	Well, we talked about Hamas and we
119	talked about disarmament
120	and they're going to be given a very
121	short period of time to disarm and we'll
122	see how that works out. Steve Woodoff
123	and Jared Kushner will be in charge of
124	that from our side. Uh but if they don't
125	disarm as as they agreed to do, they

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126	agreed to it and then they'll be held to
127	pay for them and we don't want that.
128	We're not looking for that. But they
129	have to disarm within a fairly short period of time.
130	Israel withdrawing its forces.
131	Well, that's a separate subject. We'll
132	uh we'll talk about that.
133	Mr. President,
134	Mr. President,
135	did you have a message for the prime
136	minister about the West Bank? And are
137	you at all concerned that settler
138	violence, Israeli settler violence could
139	be undermining the peace plan?
140	Well, we have had a discussion, big
141	discussion for a long time on the West
142	Bank, and I wouldn't say we agree on the
143	West Bank 100%. But we uh we'll come to
144	a conclusion on the West Bank.
145	If I could ask what is the
146	Well, I don't want to do that. It'll be
147	announced at an appropriate time. But he
148	will do the right thing. I know that. I
149	know him very well. He will do the right thing. Yes.
150	grown fear of a confrontation between

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151	Israel and Turkey. How you going to ease
152	this tension given the fact that
153	Erdogan, President Erdogan calls Mr.
154	Netanyahu Hitler and compares Israel to the Nazi?
155	Well, I know President Erdogan very well
156	and as you all know, he's a very good
157	friend of mine and uh I believe that and
158	I do respect him and BB respects him and
159	they're not going to have a problem.
160	They're not going to have a problem. We
161	know him very well and you've seen me do
162	things with President Erdogan and Turkey
163	that nobody else could have done. We're
164	not going to have a problem. He's uh
165	he's done a fantastic job. I'm with him
166	all the way. I'm with BB all the way.
167	Nothing's going to happen.
168	Yes. Mr.
169	President, are you concerned that Israel
170	is not moving quickly enough to phase
171	two of the peace plan?
172	Well, I'm not concerned about anything
173	that Israel is doing. I'm concerned
174	about what other people are doing or
175	maybe aren't doing, but I'm not

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176	concerned. They've lived up to the plan.
177	They're strong. They're solid. And
178	sometimes they don't understand when
179	somebody violates something that you
180	want to give them a second chance. Well,
181	we'll give them a couple of second
182	chances. But no, Israel's lived up to
183	the plan 100%. Don't forget, we made the
184	plan possible by taking out Iran.
185	And speaking of Iran, I hope they're not
186	trying to build up again because if they
187	are, we're going to have no choice but
188	very quickly to eradicate that buildup.
189	So, I hope Iran is not trying to build
190	up as I've been reading uh that they're
191	building up weapons and other things.
192	And if they are, they're not they're not
193	using the sites that we obliterated, but
194	they're using possibly different sites.
195	We know exactly where they're going,
196	what they're doing, and I hope they're
197	not doing it because we don't want to
198	waste the fuel on a B2. It's a 37-hour
199	trip both ways. I don't want to waste a
200	lot of fuel.

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201	Okay.
202	Mr. President Trump, your last remarks
203	regarding the Perdon's request of Prime
204	Minister Netanyahu
205	office told us that you have not talked
206	um after the official request of Prime
207	Minister Netanyahu Perdon. Can you
208	clarify to us? Did you talk
209	which request are you talking about
210	with um the president? The Israeli
211	president. Did you talk with him directly?
212	Erdogan
213	the Isra pardon? Yeah.
214	Oh well, you got to say that. No, I
215	think he's going to be in great shape.
216	He's a wartime
217	prime minister at the highest level.
218	He's achieved tremendous success. And
219	I'll say it, you know, uh if you had
220	eight out of 10 prime ministers in his
221	position right now or before right now
222	maybe you wouldn't have Israel any
223	longer. Israel would not exist. I'd say
224	two two of them would and eight of them
225	wouldn't. That's a those are not good

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226	odds. You needed a very special man to
227	uh to really carry through and and
228	really help Israel through this horrible
229	jam. You know, these are major factions
230	and it started with our negotiation with
231	Iran. I think it probably started with
232	uh Solomoni.
233	That was really where you mentioned that
234	today. It started with Solomi,
235	bad guy doing bad things, hurting a lot
236	of people, killing American soldiers and
237	other soldiers. But it started right
238	there would probably be the starting
239	point. And then from that point forward
240	uh but you would you have a wartime
241	prime minister at the highest level.
242	There could be other wartime prime
243	ministers but they'd lose.
244	He won and I think the people of Israel
245	appreciate it. I think a lot of the
246	people in the world appreciate it
247	actually. And because of that victory we
248	were able to get peace in the Middle
249	East. If you had a different kind of a
250	personality, if you had a weak person or

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251	a stupid person, and there are plenty of
252	both of them, uh you would not have had
253	success and you might not have Israel,
254	and you report for Israel. I know you're
255	very proud of it, and you do a great
256	job. Uh you might not have a job because
257	there might not be an Israel right now
258	if you had a different prime minister.
259	That's a big statement, but to me, it's
260	a very simple statement to make. I'm
261	looking at Pete Hexath and he's sort of
262	nodding. If they don't have a strong
263	prime minister, Pete, you might not have
264	Israel today. I think he'll go down in
265	the record books. And you know, I was a
266	big help. I'll be honest with you. Big
267	big help. Uh somebody may said in the
268	room, if you don't have Trump, you
269	needed a a proper combination of
270	everything.
271	And if you didn't have that combination,
272	which they had, you would not have an
273	existing Israel right now. And the
274	people of Israel know it.
275	That's why they like me. And it's why

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276	they really they actually like him. He's
277	got a little bit of a lovehate more than
278	I do over there. But uh but you know
279	what? Even the haters have a lot of
280	respect for him. There's a lot of
281	jealousy about him. A lot of jealousy.
282	Jealousy is a bad word. But I believe
283	you would not have Israel right now. So
284	it's a big deal. Yeah. Please,
285	uh a recent poll showed that as many of
286	as half of Gazins would be willing to
287	leave the Gaza Strip if afforded the
288	opportunity to do so. Back in February,
289	you said that all Gaz I heard that
290	number today. Half of Gaza would leave.
291	I've always said it. I said if they were
292	given the opportunity to live in a a
293	better climate, they would move. They're
294	there because they sort of have to be. I
295	think it would be I think it would be a
296	great opportunity. But let's see if that
297	opportunity presents itself. But we're
298	helping the people of Gaza a lot. So is
299	Israel, by the way. So we'll see what
300	happens. But I saw that there was a

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301	poll. It was actually more than half the
302	people would leave if they were given
303	the opportunity. And I've been saying
304	that for a long time. It was to me it
305	was common sense. So it's interesting.
306	Why wouldn't countries accept us?
307	Look, let's not talk about because we
308	don't want the controversy right now.
309	We're helping Gaza. But if they were
310	given the opportunity, I think even
311	higher than that, the person the group
312	that did the poll is usually I call them
313	negative polls. You have a lot of them.
314	And yet this poll was I think very
315	accurate other than it would be more
316	than half the people if given the
317	opportunity but they haven't been given
318	that opportunity. So we'll see what happens.
319	
320	Mr. President
321	point of understanding regarding Syria.
322	Uh we do have an understanding regarding
323	Syria. Now with Syria you know your new
324	president I respect him. He's a very
325	strong guy and that's what you need in

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326	Syria. You can't put uh a choir boy. You
327	can't put a, you know, somebody that's a
328	perfect person. Everything's nice. No
329	problems in life. You have the opposite
330	there. He's a strong guy. We get along
331	with him great. Uh I can't ask for any
332	more. He's he's been with us all the
333	way. We had that mishap with ISIS and he
334	was with us all the way. He was fighting
335	us, you know, he was fighting them. So,
336	uh I hope Israel I'm sure that Israel
337	and him will get along. I will try and
338	make it so that they do get along.
339	I think they will. BB, do you have
340	anything to say about that?
341	Yeah. Well,
342	our interest is to have uh a peaceful
343	border with Syria. Our interest is to
344	have uh and we openly say it. We we want
345	to uh make sure that the border area
346	right next to our border is safe. uh we
347	don't have terrorists, we don't have
348	attacks, and we also want to secure our
349	Jews friends. And by the way, I think
350	not only the Jews, but other minorities,

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351	especially the Christians, should be
352	protected as well in Syria and
353	throughout the Middle East and in
354	Nigeria. Uh in your efforts, we back
355	completely because Christian communities
356	are beleaguered around the world and
357	especially in the Middle East, but in
358	parts of Africa, too.
359	And uh and we stand for the same thing.
360	And don't forget, it was President
361	Erdogan that helped very much get rid of
362	a very bad ruler of Syria. That was
363	President Erdogan.
364	And he never wanted the credit for it.
365	But he he really gets a lot of credit.
366	BB agrees with that. I agree with I mean
367	I know it. And President Erdogan should
368	get a lot of good credit for what he
369	did. He got rid of some very bad people.
370	And you know they've been wanting to do
371	that for a thousand years with different
372	names but for a thousand years in Syria.
373	President Erdogan did it and we give him
374	a lot of credit. I give him a lot of
375	credit. Uh but I think it's going to

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376	work out well between Syria and Israel.
377	Mr. President.
378	Yeah. Go ahead please. The government
379	what we saw is not meeting the terms of
380	the ceasefire agreement has failed to
381	dis disarm Fisbala actually. In your
382	view, should Israel strike the terrorist
383	organization again?
384	Well, we're going to see about that.
385	We'll see about it. Uh the Lebanese
386	government is at a little bit of a
387	disadvantage if you think of it with
388	Hezbollah, but uh Hezbollah has been
389	behaving badly. So, we'll see what happens.
390	
391	Mr. President,
392	closer to another operation of Israel in
393	Iran. You said before the meeting with
394	Netanyahu that you are in support of
395	Israel if the ballistic missile project
396	will take on and also the nuclear
397	weapon. But after the meeting, after
398	what you know from the intelligence, how
399	close are we to another war with Iran?
400	Well, I don't want to say that, but Iran

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401	may be behaving badly.
402	It hasn't been confirmed, but if it's
403	confirmed, look, they know the
404	consequences. You know, consequences
405	will be very powerful,
406	maybe more powerful than the last time.
407	Yeah.
408	And Iran should have made a deal the
409	last time. I gave them the option. I
410	said, "You can make a deal. Do it." I
411	told them, "Do it." And they didn't
412	believe me. Now they believe me.
413	You think badly?
414	And what do you mean badly?
415	This is just what we hear. But usually
416	uh where there's smoke there's fire.
417	Have you heard the expression?
418	But what do you do you mean related to
419	the nuclear capab?
420	Well, no. I'm hearing that they're not
421	nuclear yet, but maybe nuclear, too. The
422	sites were obliterated, but they're
423	looking at other sites. That's what I've
424	heard. They're looking, so it'll take a
425	long time. They're not going to go back

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426	to where they were. But they they have
427	other places they can go. And if they're
428	doing that, they're making a big
429	mistake. Yeah. Please. There's no reason
430	for them to do it.
431	Mr. President, Mr. President, um is the
432	United States currently uh open to
433	engaging in bilateral discussions with
434	Tran? We're hearing reports from
435	numerous countries that there may be
436	some discussions. Is that something uh
437	you would support or something that is
438	I would you would support that?
439	I would. Yes. Right now.
440	Thank you, sir.
441	I have been by the way before the war I
442	would support that. I said to him, BB, I
443	said, "Let's negotiate."
444	And uh they didn't believe what was
445	going to happen would happen. Yes, ma'am.
446	
447	On China, so China's been doing naval
448	exercises basically to test encircling
449	Taiwan. Can you explain to us what your
450	knowledge is of that? What do you think

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451	about that? Have you had any discussions with
452	Well, I have a great relationship with
453	President Xi and he hasn't told me
454	anything about it. I certainly have seen
455	it, but he hasn't told me anything about
456	it. And uh I don't believe he's going to
457	be doing it.
458	Does it worry you?
459	No, nothing worries me. Nothing.
460	Where there's smoke, there's fire.
461	Right. So if you're in circle, if you're
462	doing naval exercises and air exercises,
463	I've been doing naval exercises for
464	20 years in that area. Now people take
465	it a little bit differently, but in fact
466	larger than they're doing right now. So
467	we'll see. But they've been they've been
468	doing that for 20 25 years. Yeah.
469	Mr. President, if you don't see Hamas
470	disarm in that short amount of time that
471	you're giving them, can you tell us what
472	the next steps would be?
473	Maybe uh
474	horrible for them. Horrible.
475	Going to be really, really

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476 477 478 479 480 481 482 483 484 485 486 487 488 489 490 491 492 493 494 495 496 497 498 499 500	bad for them. And I don't want that to happen. But they made an agreement that they were going to disarm. And you couldn't blame Israel. By the way, we have other countries that will come in and do it. They said, "Let us do it for you if they don't." Countries that were with them, wanted the deal to be made, agreed that they would disarm, and now if they say they're going to disarm, that's fine. If they say they're not going to disarm, those same countries will go and wipe them out. They don't even need Israel. You know, we have many countries, 59 countries that are in agree. This is a real peace in the Middle East and uh Hamas is a small part of it, but it's still a part of it, but we have 59 countries that signed on, big countries, countries that are outside of the uh Middle East, as you know, the Middle East. They want to go in and wipe out Hamas. They don't want Israel. They don't need Israel. They want to do it because it's the right thing to do.

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501	because they were for the deal based on
502	the fact that Hamas pledged they swore
503	that they were going to disarm. Now, if
504	they're not going to disarm, those same
505	countries will wipe out Hamas.
506	President Trump, do you think that the
507	BA should be involved in the day after
508	in Gaza Strip even in the near future?
509	And the same question to Prime Minister
510	Netanyahu. Do you see a real opportunity
511	that the BA will be in Gaza?
512	Go ahead, Mimi.
513	I think President Trump put clearly the
514	conditions that of reform that he wants
515	to see in the PA for them to be
516	involved. Uh and I I think he put it
517	very clearly what he wants to see. The
518	kind of real reforms, not just uh
519	preunclerary reforms or real reforms.
520	Stop, pay to slay, change the curriculum
521	in your textbooks. Uh open up uh you
522	know, a different society and a
523	different future if they do it well. you
524	know, let them uh you know, I think it
525	was clear he put he put uh pretty clear

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526	he put guidelines that uh were by the
527	way in the Trump plan of 2020
528	and they were put then in the 20 points
529	and u it's up to them.
530	Remember this. If we didn't do what we
531	did to Iran, just to make the subject
532	just slightly different, you wouldn't
533	have peace in the Middle East. You
534	wouldn't have a a deal signed in the
535	Middle East. you wouldn't have a deal
536	because other Arab nations, which are
537	great, great great people. I know them
538	very well. I know them. They're great
539	people. They wouldn't be able to have
540	agreed to peace in the Middle East
541	because you would have had a dark cloud
542	hanging over everything. It wouldn't
543	wouldn't have been possible. So, Iran
544	has been greatly reduced in power,
545	prestige. I don't want to use the word
546	humiliation because, you know, they're
547	trying to build up again. But we can't
548	let them build up because if they build
549	up, they can't be peace in the Middle
550	East. It was a mistake. You know, when

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551	they wiped out Iraq, Iraq and Iran were
552	about the same power. And they fought
553	each other with different names for a
554	thousand years.
555	And then our country came out and blew
556	up one of those two countries, namely
557	Iraq. And all of a sudden, Iran had the
558	whole Middle East all to itself. But
559	that's not true anymore. That's not true anymore.
560	Can you tell us something?
561	Tell us something about your plan to
562	expand Abraham Accords.
563	If you can tell us something about your
564	plan to expand Abraham Accords.
565	Well, the Abraham Accords are a great it
566	was a great achievement of Jared and
567	everybody that I mean it was one of the
568	great achievements. Uh they'll be expanded.
569	countries are already talking about
570	expanding it and they'll be expanded
571	fairly quickly. Yeah, please.
572	Saudi Arabia, is it still on the table?
573	They're normally taking
574	Saudi Arabia is great. We have a great
575	leader and uh friend of mine and a friend of

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576	a lot of people also an enemy of some
577	people, but uh those people aren't doing
578	so well. No, Saudi Arabia has been very
579	good as far as I'm concerned. They've
580	done everything that we can ask for.
581	Normalization with Israel is on the
582	they're getting along great with Israel.
583	They will
584	and at some point they'll sign the
585	Abraham Accords.
586	Mr. President,
587	so one of the big domestic uh tasks
588	ahead of you is to pick a new chairman
589	for the Fed. Yeah.
590	You're you've said that you have one
591	favorite, but you're also doing
592	interviews.
593	Still do.
594	Hasn't changed.
595	Yeah, I'll announce them at the right
596	time. There's plenty of time.
597	Are you is there
598	In the meantime, we're doing numbers
599	that nobody's ever seen. We have \$18
600	trillion coming in. We had a 4.3%

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601	GDP. They thought it was going to be 2%.
602	And that's despite the Democrat
603	shutdown. Had the shutdown not occurred,
604	we would have had an extra point and a
605	quarter. Think of that. Uh we are doing
606	and also despite the fact that we have a
607	fool at the Federal Reserve. I mean,
608	Biden reappointed him. It's too bad. You
609	would have thought he wouldn't have done
610	that, but uh he's an absolute fool who's
611	building a new Federal Reserve or he's
612	doing a renovation of a building. Maybe
613	he's up to 4.1 billion dollars to do a
614	renovation of a few very small
615	buildings. It's the highest price in the
616	history of construction.
617	He's spending more money than any
618	building has ever spent per square foot
619	on the renovation of, as an example, I'm
620	doing a magnificent big, beautiful
621	ballroom that the country has wanted,
622	the White House has wanted for 150
623	years. It's a massive job and it's a
624	tiny fraction of that number. And we're
625	under budget and ahead of schedule. Now

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626	it's it's bigger than I told you. I it's
627	uh you know after realizing we're going
628	to do the inauguration in that building.
629	It's got all bulletproof glass. It's got
630	all drone they call it drone free roof.
631	It's a drones won't touch it. It's a big
632	uh it's a big beautiful safe building
633	but it's you know it's a big project for
634	a tiny fraction of that. We're under
635	budget and ahead of schedule and they've
636	wanted it for 150 years. Think of it.
637	The Federal Reserve building, two
638	buildings there, they don't know what
639	they're doing. They're
640	they're way over budget. I mean, almost
641	this was built during the Biden
642	administration, and I wrote by it the
643	other day, and it's headed by the head
644	of the Federal Reserve.
645	Too late, you know, too late Powell. Too
646	late because he's always too late with
647	interest rates. Except before the
648	election, he was too early because that
649	would have helped. that was supposed to
650	help get her elected. It had no impact.

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651	We won all seven swing states.
652	But but no, no,
653	we're thinking about bringing a suit
654	against Powell for incompetence
655	because think of it. These are two these
656	aren't outstanding buildings. These are
657	small buildings.
658	He's at four billion more. It's going to
659	end up costing more than \$4 billion. Four
660	billion. It's the highest price
661	of construction. Again, Democrats.
662	highest price of construction per square
663	foot in the history of the world.
664	There's never been gorgeous monuments
665	are built for a much smaller price. So,
666	we're thinking about bringing a a gross
667	incompetence, what's called gross
668	incompetence lawsuit. It's gross
669	incompetence against Powell.
670	And it was his baby. And uh
671	the guy's just incompetent. I mean,
672	there's nothing you can do about it.
673	He's just a very incompetent man. But
674	we're going to probably bring a lawsuit
675	against him. Thank you all very much. I

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676	appreciate it. BB, congratulations.
677	Announcement's replacement.
678	Uh January something.
679	And will you ask J to resign?
680	Well, he should resign. Be a favorite to
681	the nation, but he's come close. I mean,
682	we're getting pretty close.
683	I would fire him.
684	I would I'd love to fire him, but we're
685	so close, you know, maybe
686	Maybe I still might.
687	Will you sell it?
688	Are you going to approve a selling of
689	F35 to Turkey?
690	Uh, we're thinking about it very seriously.
691	What prevented? They'll never use
692	Thank you.