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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	Two weeks ago, US special forces captured the dictator Nicolas Maduro. You heard the news and what was your reaction? I wasn't surprised. And and I told that the president today, he asked me if I had been surprised. I said, "No, no, I trust you." Uh I know he he always keep his word. And this represents the beginning of the end of the war. That's what happened on January 3rd. And I believe it's an historical moment. not only for Venezuela, I would say for the whole continent. Maduro is out, but his people, as you know, are still running the government, including Maduro's vice president, um, Deli Rodriguez. Now, she is the interim president and the White House has said that it has been great working with her. What do you think about that? Who is Deli Rodriguez? Well, from an ideological perspective, I mean, she's a communist and she has been part of all these structure, criminal structure that has put in place not only to destroy

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76	what's going on in Venezuela is a
77	domestic issue because it has direct
78	consequences in the lives of American
79	people.
80	Explain. Not only because of the drug
81	the drugs that are being uh brought into
82	the United States that create thousands
83	of death annually but because we're
84	talking about an structure of criminal
85	structure that has uh tentacles all
86	along the Americas and they are
87	systematically undermining democratic
88	institutions and republican
89	institutions. So this is about a real
90	threat in the heart of the Americas and
91	imagine what it would mean on the other
92	hand an orderly transition to democracy.
93	Not only huge business for American
94	companies and employment in the United
95	States. The possibility not only to
96	develop oil, gas, rare minerals. This is
97	huge for American business and
98	employment. But also from a migration
99	perspective, I I always insist on this.
100	Hundreds of thousands of Venezuelan

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101	wills come immediately back home as soon
102	as we have a transition to democracy. Do
103	you want to be the president of
104	Venezuela?
105	I want to serve my country where I am
106	more useful. Uh I got a mandate and I
107	and I have that mandate very present
108	every day.
109	It has meant taking huge risks and
110	paying very high costs not only for me
111	but also for my family and our teams.
112	But I do believe that I mean there's a
113	mission and um we are going to turn
114	Venezuela into that land of grace and I
115	believe I will be uh elected when the
116	right kind time comes as president of
117	Venezuela, the first woman president of
118	Venezuela. I know that you went through
119	many political difficulties um to get to
120	the place that you are right now, but
121	you've also made tremendous personal
122	family sacrifices. And we don't know I
123	know you don't like to talk about it or
124	you don't often talk about it, but now
125	that you're out of the country,

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151	after two years without seeing them.
152	Believe me, it also gives you the
153	possibility to to to value
154	what you love most. And you know
155	something Rachel, everything we have
156	done, the Venison people is for love.
157	That's why this is so powerful. The
158	force that moves us is love. Love for
159	our country, love for our children, our
160	family, and love for freedom. And that's
161	why nothing will stop us. That's why we
162	will prevail. Venezuela will be free.
163	Thank you, Maria Corin.
164	Thank you.