

*Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2017*

**Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa of Bahrain and an Exchange With Reporters**

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*President Trump.* Well, thank you very much. It's my great honor to have the Crown Prince of Bahrain in the Oval Office. We're doing a lot of business. They're buying a lot of things. I heard \$9 billion is thrown about. So that's a very nice trip, and we appreciate it.

We've had a long relationship and a great relationship, and it will only get better. I can tell you, they've been—and you have been—a great friend. And we appreciate it very much, and we appreciate you being at the White House.

*Crown Prince Salman.* Thank you, Mr. President.

*President Trump.* Thank you very much.

*Crown Prince Salman.* It's a great honor to be here. This is a very important trip for us. And indeed, we are building on a hundred years of relationship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States of America. And the peoples of both countries have benefited from this relationship, and we continue to seek ways to strengthen that.

And thank you, Mr. President, for honoring me with this meeting.

*President Trump.* It's a great honor, believe me. Thank you very much. Thank you, everybody.

*Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson*

*Q.* Mr. President, do you want Rex Tillerson on the job, Mr. President?

*President Trump.* He's here. Rex is here.

*Q.* He's here. Do you want him to stay in his job?

*President Trump.* Thank you very much, everybody. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:12 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House.

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