

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2019

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia and an Exchange With Reporters in Osaka, Japan

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President Trump. Thank you very much, everybody. It's a great honor to be with President Putin, his representatives, my representatives.

We have many things to discuss, including trade and including some disarmament and some—a little protectionism, perhaps, in a very positive way. And we're going to discuss a lot of different things.

We've had great meetings. We have had a very, very good relationship. And we look forward to spending some pretty good time together. A lot of very positive things going to come out of the relationship.

So, Vladimir, thank you very much. Thank you.

President Putin. Thank you, Mr. President.

Well, I cannot but agree with Mr. President. We have something to discuss here. All the topics have been outlined. We haven't seen each other since Helsinki meeting, although our teams have been together working, and they gave us a great opportunity to follow up on that.

Thank you very much, both teams, for that. Thank you for your attention.

President Trump. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Russian Interference in 2016 Presidential Election

Q. Mr. President, will you tell Russia not to meddle in the 2020 election?

President Trump. Yes, of course, I will.

Don't meddle in the election, President.

Q. What about the Ukrainian ships?

President Trump. Don't meddle in the election. [*Laughter*] We will.

2018 Russia-Ukraine Naval Confrontation in Kerch Strait

Q. Mr. President, are the Ukrainian ships still an issue in the relationship?

President Trump. We haven't discussed it.

Q. You haven't discussed it?

President Trump. We haven't discussed it.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:02 p.m. at the International Exhibition Center. President Putin spoke in Russian, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

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