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does that mean? It certainly doesn't mean anything to me."

No, out of the evil done to America can come some great good, because Americans are beginning to understand that serving something greater than yourself in life is an important part of being an American. People ask me, "What can I do to help on the war against terror?" I tell them, love your neighbor like you'd like to be loved yourself. If you want to fight evil—[*applause*]. If you want to fight evil, mentor a child. If you want to do some good, go into a shut-in's home and say, "I love you." If you want to be a responsible American, go into your church or your synagogue or your mosque and say, "How can I help somebody in need?" You see, out of the evil done to America is going to come some great good, because we can change America one heart, one conscience, one soul at a time. And that's what's happening in this country.

I ran for Governor of Texas for a lot of reasons, but one main reason was, I was worried about a culture which had clearly said to Americans from all walks of life, "If it feels good, just go ahead and do it, and if you've got a problem blame, somebody else." I wanted to be part of a culture shift that says, each of us are responsible for the decisions we make in life, that if you're a mom or a dad, you are responsible for loving your child with all your heart and all your soul. If you're a responsible citizen, you're responsible for making sure the community in which you live is a place of bright lights and hope and optimism, that you have a responsibility to help a neighbor in need. And that's happening. Out of the evil done to America is good, because people are now beginning to understand that shallow materialism is not what life is about, that helping somebody and helping our great Nation realize its full potential is the culture of America.

You know, it brought home to me most vividly when Flight 93 was driven into the ground. We had people on an airplane who told their loved ones goodbye. I want it noted, they said a prayer. One guy said, "Let's roll." They served something greater than themselves in life. I think this is going to be a defining moment in America's cultural history, because we vividly got to see what it means to be a true and patriotic American.

No, out of the evil done to America—out of the evil done to this country will come incredible good, because this is the finest nation, full of the finest people on the face of the Earth.

Thank you for helping Susan. God bless. God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:20 p.m. in the Ocean Overlook at the Black Point Inn. In his remarks, he referred to Don and Patricia Collins, parents of Senator Collins.

Exchange With Reporters in Prout's Neck

August 3, 2002

President's Vacation

Q. Relaxing a bit?

The President. What?

Q. You've got your shirt off.

The President. If you sweated through your shirt as much as I've sweated through mine, it would be off too.

Iraq

Q. Can we ask about Iraq for a second?

The President. No. You heard what I said in there. I'm a patient man. I'll use all the tools at our disposal. Nothing's changed.

NOTE: The exchange began at 5 p.m. at a boat dock near the Black Point Inn. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Remarks on the Bombings in the Middle East in Kennebunkport, Maine

August 4, 2002

Good morning. I'm distressed to hear about the latest suicide bombers in Israel. For those who yearn for peace in the Middle East, for those in the Arab lands, for those in Europe, for those all around the world who yearn for peace, we must do everything we possibly can to stop the terror.

There are a few killers who want to stop the peace process that we have started, and