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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
WITH THE PRESIDENT

THE APPAREL MART

6:17 P.M. CDT

QUESTION: Hi, Mr. President. What kind of day has it been for you?

THE PRESIDENT: It has been a tremendous day in Texas. I don't think we could have had a better day. The response from literally thousands and thousands of people in Texas has been very, very encouraging -- the State Fair, the football game and the wonderful rally here. We are very, very encouraged about Texas, and we are delighted to be here.

QUESTION: Mr. President, how do you assess your chances in Texas in November?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we are an underdog, but I think we are going to surprise some people.

It is real nice to see you all.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

END (AT 6:18 P.M. CDT)