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Some more quotes from POTUS gaggle after Marine One arrival at the White House. The president wore a navy blue USA ball cap. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Peter Brown, the White House Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor, stepped off the helicopter with him and stood at his side for the 6:30 minute gaggle.

Trump on Hurricane Dorian:

"It seems to be one of the biggest hurricanes that we've ever see. That's a problem. That's a problem."

"We don't know where it's going to hit. But we have an idea. Probably a little bit different than the original course. The original course was dead into Florida. Now it seems to be going up toward South Carolina, toward North Carolina. Georgia's going to be hit. Alabama is going to get a piece of it, it looks like, but it can change its course again and it can go back toward Florida.... But it is a very, very powerful hurricane."

Response to gun violence: "We're looking at the same things.... There's a big package of things that's going to be put before them [Congress], by a lot of different people. We have a lot of groups working on it.... This really hasn't changed anything. We're doing a package. ... A lot of people are talking about it and that's irrespective of what happened yesterday in Texas."

"We're looking at a lot of different things. We're looking at a lot of different bills. Ideas, concepts. It's been going on for a long while. Background checks -- I will say that for the most part, sadly, if you look at the last four or five, going back even five or six or seven years -- for the most part, as strong as you make your background checks, they would not have stopped any of it. So it's a big problem. It's a mental problem. It's a big problem."

China/tariffs: "We can't allow china to rip us off anymore as a country. We can't allow China to take 500 billion dollars a year out of our country."

Poland: Notes that VP Pence is there in his place.

"I look forward to being there soon. But I just want to congratulate Poland. It's a great country

with great people. WE also have many Polish people in our country. It could be 8 million. We love our Polish friends and I will be there soon.”

Brown on Hurricane Dorian:

“This hurricane is very strong -- category five. We're talking about the wind. We'll also have substantial destructive life-threatening storm surge, freshwater rainfall. And four states, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina can all expect to see tropical storm to hurricane force impacts over the coming days. So the time for preparation is now.”

Next up: hurricane briefing at FEMA

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