

that they're now here is that it's gotten colder up north. The colder the weather is, the more birds fly south.

Q. Will they winter here or move on? They'll winter here?

Q. *The President.* No, they'll go further.

Q. Do you do any other kind of hunting here?

*The President.* Yeah. I usually go hunting—when I was living here—my ears are bad so I don't hunt very much. But I'd usually go hunting—I'd usually go duck hunting once a year and usually do something else once a year.

Q. Do you have pheasant hunting here?

*The President.* No. Turkey hunting, a lot of turkeys, a lot of deer, quail—lot of quail.

Q. Good fishing around here, too, isn't there?

*The President.* Wonderful, wonderful. Bass, trout.

I don't know if you guys saw the—when we were coming up, there were hundreds of ducks just like that. That's illegal to stop along the side of the road and shoot them.

Q. Because it's not fair or—

*The President.* Because it's not fair and because you can't just stop on the road and shoot them. And of course, there's a limit. You can only shoot two mallards a day.

Q. Do you ever feel like a sitting duck resting on the water sometime? [*Laughter*]

*The President.* Yes, I do—

Q. I think that's a political—

*The President.* [*Inaudible*]

Q. What is the deal with—our driver said if you shot the female first, that was it; you don't get to shoot anymore. How can you tell what you shoot first?

*The President.* You can tell when you go pick them up. [*Laughter*] There are different rules for different kinds of ducks, too. It changes every year. But one of the things that—one of the best organized things in America is the wild-life preservation. The hunters and fishermen are, in a way, the best conservationists in the country. They worked hard on this whole way of replenishing the duck species. You can see it—primarily, in America you see it here on the Mississippi Flyway. And then where we are, over on the Eastern Shore of Maryland you see a lot where the ducks fly down that way, along the coast, you see a lot of that. But there's been an enormous amount of money invested, some through public funds, largely through private funds, for things like that to replenish the species. And the length of the season, the timing

of the season, and the daily limits are carefully calibrated to allow maximum enjoyment of the sport while keeping the supplies replenished.

When I was Governor, I used to have a picture on my wall of a place in this country about 20 miles from here, back in the thirties, one of those open ponds with all the stumps like you saw today. Literally a hundred thousand ducks covered it, blanketed as far as you could see. And the population went way down. Now it's all been—[*inaudible*]—I don't think it will ever be able to—[*inaudible*]—we do the same thing with the deer population, very carefully managed. And it's a big deal. We still have factories that close—

Q. [*Inaudible*]—selection of the duck stamp each year now?

*The President.* No, I know that—my role in all this when I was Governor was to stay up—[*inaudible*]—fish commission. In a State like ours, it's an enormously important thing. Over half the adults in the State have a hunting or a fishing license.

Q. And you do, too, sir?

*The President.* I have a lifetime license. After I served as Governor for 10 years—you still have to buy the stamps every year, which we did. We're legal today. You still have to buy the stamps every year. But I've got a—they gave me a lifetime hunting and fishing license. Sort of like a gold watch—get to use it.

Q. Really. That's quite a perk.

Q. When is the last time you had this much fun?

*The President.* Oh, I don't know.

Q. Never. [*Laughter*]

*The President.* It's been a while. I had a good time. And the people I was hunting with today, they've been my friends for 20 years. That makes a difference. They're good people, farmers, people I've known for a long, long time.

Q. You said you felt like a real person.

*The President.* Yes, I liked it there. Old Bobby Robinson, he came out and talked to you—

Q. He was great.

Q. Yes, he was great.

*The President.* He's the salt of the Earth.

Q. He was bragging up his wife's breakfast. Was that pretty good?

*The President.* Unbelievable. I told Bobby, when I come over to see her I don't—it doesn't matter to me what happens, as long as she feeds me. [*Laughter*]

Q. Is it a combined license in Arkansas?