

*The President.* But you've got to move. I kind of use it as a warmer-upper. It's good for you.

We're going to go right up here. Wait until you see this place I'm going to take you. It's cool.

Q. [*Inaudible*] [*Laughter*]

*The President.* That was Barney. It's a different world down here.

Q. It's beautiful.

*The President.* We're headed right up in there. These are called chinaberries. See the little berry at the end there? We've got up here in this canyon you'll have ash, walnut, different kind of oaks. I've become a guy who really likes trees. [*Laughter*]

Q. Crash course, right?

*The President.* Well, you can really get to appreciate them. Now this in here you couldn't—before we got in here you couldn't see the contours of this little canyon. And it was really hard to walk in here. We got in here and cleaned out a lot of the undergrowth, a lot of the dead trees that—see all those trees in there? They were all like that in here, way up in here. What I want to do is open this up so you can see the contours of this little canyon in here.

Q. Do you have people working here when you're not here, too?

*The President.* No, we do it ourselves, and we built all this that we're heading into.

Q. [*Inaudible*]

*The President.* Yes.

Q. There's just not that much brush to clear at the White House. [*Laughter*]

*The President.* Well, they got people clearing it there. You could not move in here. I mean, we couldn't—a few years ago, you had to crawl through all these rocks to get up in here.

[*The tour continued.*]

*The President.* [*Inaudible*]—enough rain, it may have created to charge those aquifers enough to withstand the heat.

Q. What kind of stone is this?

*The President.* Limestone. Real soft limestone.

Q. —did you know right away when you bought the ranch, or did you discover it on—

*The President.* No. We had to clear this out. I mean, you could not come up here.

Q. But you brought people down here, right? Like a—

*The President.* [*Inaudible*]—in here. I didn't see this part of the ranch when—

Q. So it was a surprise?

*The President.* Yes, it was a surprise.

Q. It's a nice surprise.

*The President.* This is where Putin came. Jiang Zemin did not come down here, but Vladimir Putin did.

Q. That's cool.

*The President.* See the cedar? That grows right on the ledge.

Q. It's on the rocks.

Q. Has some of it already started to grow back—

*The President.* We didn't put it up there.

Q. [*Inaudible*]

*The President.* We don't clear up top. We clear down here when they go against these big—we clear the young.

Q. Right.

Q. So how wide a—[*inaudible*]—that you cleared right—

*The President.* Yes, this is all—you could not walk in here, literally. It was overgrown. There were seven of them like this, with different cuts to them.

Q. All of them different.

Q. Did you do it yourself, or did—

*The President.* Oh, I do it myself.

Q. Really?

*The President.* Yes. It's part of the fun to be outside working. I really enjoy it. There's the great outdoors, and you're supposed to be in it. [*Laughter*]

Q. Right.

*The President.* All right. Retreat.

Q. Watch those rocks, they're slick.

[*The tour continued.*]

*The President.* I've seen fox in here.