

Q. [*Inaudible*]*—*Barney?

*The President.* No, he had some problems. I was afraid Barney would come out with—[*inaudible*].

Q. Red fox or gray fox?

*The President.* Gray fox. Red fox are what?

Q. We have red fox around Washington.

*The President.* Yes.

Q. You just can't imagine that these kind of little nooks exist out here.

*The President.* No, isn't it amazing? We had—we brought some friends out here. And one of the guys driving said, "I can't imagine why President Bush bought this place. This is some of the worst country in Texas." But what he didn't realize is that the fingers of the Hill Country, which is where you all have been, south of Austin, extend up here. If you look on a map, you'll see the topography on the map shows this is some unique country.

Q. How much did you check out the land before you bought it?

*The President.* I went all over it. But I didn't, you know—

Q. You didn't find everything.

*The President.* Yes. I didn't crawl up in there. And we saw enough to know that there was some pretty unique relief.

Q. Do you really spend the largest percentage of your time, outside of working, out here?

*The President.* Absolutely. I'm either—my typical day is I will work from about 7 a.m. until 10 a.m., and then will come out and we'll cut cedar or fool around, you know, repair something.

Q. Right.

*The President.* And then we'll eat lunch about 12:30 p.m. And generally make phone calls then or answer mail or do whatever, and then get back out about 4 p.m. and fish. I love to fish.

Q. Now, when you're stocking your own pond, do you still get credit for catching? [*Laughter*]

*The President.* Oh, yes, absolutely. The only time you don't get credit is when the

Secret Service—right here, take a right—the Secret Service frogman puts it on for you. You see the snorkel.

Q. If you can't see him, then it's totally—

*The President.* Right. [*Laughter*]

The last time we had the crew here, it was up to the top of that canyon, remember? We were clearing. There's another canyon that goes up in there. And here's the—here's where they end.

Q. This is the one we walked up.

*The President.* Right.

Q. With all the brambles and thorns.

*The President.* Right. That's right.

Q. Do you fish from the shore or do you—

*The President.* I've got a little boat in there.

Q. Bait fish or with lures?

*The President.* No, fish with lures. The jig is particularly good during the winter. These fish are very lethargic, real slow.

This is about a two-thirds mile pasture here. We're paralleling now the middle fork of the Bosque River. You'll see it when we get up here.

Q. What are these trees?

*The President.* Those are cedar elms. They're really pretty in the spring.

Q. Do they flower?

*The President.* No, they—they're in leaves. But they're beautiful skirts.

Q. Do you ever sleep in?

*The President.* No.

Q. Never? [*Inaudible*]

*The President.* [*Inaudible*]

Q. [*Inaudible*]

*The President.* No. I was probably asleep at 10 p.m. [*Laughter*]

Q. Couldn't even see the ball drop on the East Coast.

*The President.* In Bermuda.

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

*The President.* I was looking for that ball dropping in London. [*Laughter*]

Q. [*Inaudible*]*—*good enough for you.

*The President.* That's right.

Put him in a Gator. The pickup is better.