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1. FOLLOWING PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADORS
AFTERNOON AUGUST 9, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SPOKESMAN
JERRY TER HORST MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: BEGIN TEXT
AS YOU KNOW, STARTING LATER THIS AFTERNOON, THE PRESIDENT
HAS COMMENCED A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADORS
OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AND THAT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL
EARLY THIS EVENING.

HE ALSO MET WITH A GROUP OF NATO AMBASSADORS AND WITH
A GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS AND THE
VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR. WE WILL POST A COMPLETE
SCHEDULE OF THESE MEETINGS AND THE FULL LIST OF THE
NAMES OF THOSE WHO WERE THERE.

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I MIGHT SAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMBASSADORIAL

MEETINGS THAT THE PRESIDENT, ALONG WITH SECRETARY
KISSINGER, UNDERLINED THE CONTINUITY OF BIPARTISAN
AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AS CONDUCTED IN THE NATIONAL
INTEREST, AND AS REFLECTED IN PRESIDENT FORD'S COMMENTS
LAST EVENING, THAT HE CAN SAY WITH NO HESITATION OR

RESERVATION THAT THE POLICY THAT HAS ACHIEVED PEACE
AND BUILT BLOCKS FOR THE FUTURE WILL BE CONTINUED.

IN HIS TALKS WITH THE NATO AMBASSADORS, THE PRESIDENT
AND SECRETARY OF STATE ALSO UNDERLINED THE FACT THAT
NATO IS THE CENTRAL ELEMENT IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY
AND THAT THE EVOLUTION BEGUN WITH THE NATO DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES, WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON SIGNED IN
BRUSSELS ON HIS RECENT TRIP, WILL CONTINUE. END TEXT.

2. YOU MIGHT BRING THIS STATEMENT (PARTICULARLY
LAST SENTENCE), AND FACT THAT PRESIDENT MET WITH NATO
AMBASSADORS FIRST, WITHIN TWO HOURS OF SWEARING IN,
TO ATTENTION OF SYG, AND USE OTHERWISE AS APPROPRIATE.

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