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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH NATO AMBASSADORS

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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