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THE WHITE HOUSE

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
WITH
THE PRESIDENT
AND
LEONID BREZHNEV
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

THE U.S. EMBASSY RESIDENCE

11:40 A.M. (Helsinki Time)

GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV: We discussed our relations with America. You know we have different kinds of relations -- commercial, political. We had very little time, so we had not enough time to finish the talks. Our talks happened in a friendly atmosphere.

QUESTION: (To be interpreted later.)

THE PRESIDENT: I felt the bilateral discussions, the discussions concerning strategic arms limitation, the total atmosphere, was very constructive. It was business-like, very friendly, and I am sure that when we meet again on Saturday further progress will materialize.

QUESTION: Mr. General Secretary, you seem to be in an unusually good mood. Are you pleased to see the Security Conference beginning today?

GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV: What do you think?

QUESTION: What do you think this Conference will accomplish for the world?

GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV: What would you like it to accomplish, Madam?

QUESTION: I asked you the question. It is not fair to turn the question around.

GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV: I want peace and tranquility to reign in Europe. I want all the nations of Europe to live at peace with each other, not to interfere in each other's domestic affairs where the sovereignty of each nation of Europe is assured. Is that a little achievement?

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QUESTION: You think there will be no interference with borders after this?

GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV: I think so, yes.

QUESTION: Mr. President, what are you wanting from this Helsinki Conference?

THE PRESIDENT: I believe that the peace in Europe will be enhanced. I believe that the overall peace of the world will be encouraged and broadened, and it is my judgment that progress will be the net result.

END (AT 11:46 A.M. HELSINKI TIME)