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POOL REPORT 12

Very tight security at the Federal Executive Building for President's meeting with Tito. Ford arrived at 7:20 p.m. for his meeting with Tito, who greeted him standing alone in front of his office. They immediately entered and the doors were shut firmly on the pool. Fifteen minutes later, pool entered for a picture session. Kissinger still sitting to Ford's right, Tito across the table. The President with a little smile toward Tito noted that "I think we're wearing out our American press. At least the groups are getting smaller." Good reporting, the pool was a little undermanned.

Some more amiable chat, mostly inaudible. "I think you're having some American congressmen coming over this summer," said the President. "The speaker of the House--he's a very good friend of mine." Tito's reply couldn't be heard.

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