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THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER
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QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, since you feel that the non-oil-producing countries bear the brunt of the high oil prices, do they have the duty to help the IEA bring the oil prices down?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: The basic theme of my speech is not concerned with any one single problem. It has to do with the fact that economic progress for all countries has to be part of an overall approach in which energy prices, development, commodities, all play a significant role. The United States will make a major effort to bring about constructive world economy, but it needs the cooperation of other nations and my speech here was an appeal (inaudible).

QUESTION: Mr. Kissinger, you seem to be going (inaudible)...cause and effect on the crisis...

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I was pointing out that the developing countries that do not produce oil face special difficulties. That is a fact, but I also pointed out that the oil-producing countries and the industrialized countries together have an opportunity to remedy many of these difficulties. The basic theme of the speech was a pledge of cooperation by the United States and an appeal to cooperation by other nations.

QUESTION: And if the other nations are not forthcoming in their cooperation, will we have to reduce our share of the...

SECRETARY KISSINGER: One nation cannot cooperate by itself, but I am hopeful that this conference will succeed, so we can face that problem if it should unexpectedly arise.

QUESTION: How do you think the producers will respond to your request that they make a greater contribution to the world economy?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: How can they resist me?

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