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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

Since I left Washington for the second time there have been many reports in the press concerning the White House change of intention and now the desire to see me. Among the somewhat contradictory explanations as to why this meeting did not take place earlier, it was stated that President Ford would prefer only meetings that were "substantive" rather than "symbolic". I entirely share this point of view. Nobody needs symbolic meetings. The President will shortly be leaving for Europe to sign (incidentally together with the leaders of Western European states) - the betrayal of Eastern Europe - to acknowledge officially its slavery forever. Had I the hope of dissuading him from signing this treaty, I myself would seek such a meeting. However, there is no such hope. If the President considers the 30-year raging of world-wide totalitarianism as an example of an "era of peace" what will be the basis for a conversation?