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Presidential Communication System

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Nearly three years ago in Moscow, after the first summit meeting with Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev, President Nixon boarded a four-engine Ilyushin-62 aircraft for a flight to Kiev. Many of the top Soviet leaders, including air minister Boris Bugayev, were on hand to bid the President farewell. It was the first time an American President had been aboard a Soviet plane.

Three of the engines were



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officer. The agency's telephones connect the White House and the homes of all these persons as well as many members of the White House staff.

with the White House at all times. Regardless of how far, it may be from Washington.

Whether the President travels in the United States

jectives is to keep the Secret Service in touch with its men at the various points on the President's tour and with the headquarters the Secret Service establishes in