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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

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MR. NESSEN: I have a couple of routine announcements to make. They are basically in the nature of the schedule announcements and planning.

Some of you have asked me about the meeting between the Emperor and the Empress and the President. It lasted a total of 11 minutes, during which the President was alone with the Emperor and the Empress and a translator from the Royal household.

As Dr. Kissinger told you, during that period of time, the President extended an invitation to visit the United States next year and the invitation was accepted.

The Emperor and Empress and the President also looked at the gifts which had been exchanged and I think you have in printed form what the gifts were.

The President also commented on how impressed he was with the Palace and in fact, on his way to meet the Emperor and Empress he stopped at a large glass window which overlooked one of the gardens and stopped and admired the garden which had very closely cropped grass and pine trees and a small waterfall in it and a pond.

That was about the substance of the meeting with the Emperor and Empress.

We will have available the Wednesday Presidential schedule. We have that available now and either tonight or more likely tomorrow, we will have Thursday's schedule for Tokyo and Kyoto.

The Press Club speech will be available to you on an embargoed basis probably later tonight. Also, I suggest you stay in touch with the press office later tonight for the possibility of one or two added events to the schedule tomorrow. They won't be substantive events but if there are any added events, they will involve the President and there will be pool coverage.

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The Press Club speech tomorrow by the President will be carried on live television in Japan, so you can stay here and watch it if you want to. If you go to the luncheon, you can either buy a ticket and have lunch or you can watch on monitors in another room.

Secretary Kissinger is holding several meetings while he is here and we have posted a list of who those meetings are with, and there will be an opportunity to take pictures of those meetings.

Q What time tonight do you expect the text of his speech?

MR. NESSEN: The Press Club text?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: It depends on when the President has a chance to read it over and I think he will have that chance to read it over this afternoon.

Q Ron, is he going to take questions at the Press Club?

MR. NESSEN: No, he will not.

Q Ron, did the President give you any of the substance of the conversation between the Emperor and the Empress and himself?

MR. NESSEN: I have just given you the substance.

Q I heard what you said about gifts and looking out a window and the garden. What did they talk about for 11 minutes?

MR. NESSEN: That and the invitation to visit the United States.

Q Ron, do you know the names of the other officials that Dr. Kissinger referred to? He said the President, and the Foreign Ministers and other officials of both sides.

MR. NESSEN: Who attended today's meeting?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: Haven't we got that posted, those who took part in today's meetings?

We will.

Let me go on with the announcements. If you want to get in on the pool to take pictures of Dr. Kissinger, contact the USIS desk.

Looking ahead to Saturday. When we leave Seoul, both airplanes are going to come back to Japan. The TWA plane will continue on to Vladivostok and the Pan Am plane will stay here. This press center will stay in operation while we are in Vladivostok so we can transmit information from there to here for those of you who are not going to the Soviet Union and also, the rooms that you are in here at the Okura, for those not going to Vladivostok, you will be able to keep your rooms.

After the meetings in Vladivostok, the press planes--the TWA plane will come back to Tokyo so the people that went there sort of get redistributed on the two airplanes for the flight back to Washington.

The press planes are going to refuel again in Alaska, but the President will have been there and gone by the time the press planes get there, so there will be no coverage except local coverage of the President's refueling in Alaska.

As you know, a number of the events here in Tokyo are being covered by pools and I think the pools have done a very good job and their reports are being either phoned back or brought back here to the press center and you should have gotten lots of it so far, and you will continue to get a lot of it.

Dr. Kissinger's briefing, which he just gave you, will be available in transcript form as soon as we can get it done. That basically is all I have to tell you.

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Q Ron, in Anchorage, will the President make any major remarks?

MR. NESSEN: The answer as far as I know is no.

Q Ron, will any pool reports off of Air Force One on the return home be made available to the press plane en route?

MR. NESSEN: Yes, just as we did on the way out here, it will be phoned to the other plane. Because of the long times and long distances involved, you will want to get to work on it.

Q How far behind the President will we be en route? He will be flying home; he won't be coming back to Tokyo.

MR. NESSEN: He is going to fly straight to Alaska from Vladivostok and the press plane will come back here and people will redistribute themselves among the two planes and take off. I would say as a guess you will be several hours behind the President.

Q Ron, there is something of a small problem. We are limited to an overnight bag or hand-carried bag into Vladivostok. Should we pack our bags because there will be no opportunity when we return here to repack?

MR. NESSEN: Will you get together with Ray Zook or Bill Roberts on baggage arrangements? I have not been dealing with the overnight bag problem very seriously.

Q How long will we be here on the ground in Tokyo after we leave Vladivostok?

MR. NESSEN: Time enough to get yourselves off one plane onto the other and refuel the planes and so forth.

For tomorrow, I don't have a briefing schedule yet for you. Tomorrow is a little more crowded day than today is in terms of events. Obviously tomorrow is the final meeting with the Prime Minister, and you will want to hear something about it. All I can say is stay in touch with the Press Office and when we nail down the briefing time and the briefer, we will let you know in plenty of time to get here for the briefing.

The President is making his speech to the Press Club tomorrow. Do you still want a briefing on the final meeting with Tanaka?

Q Yes.

Q What about a communique?

MR. NESSEN: We will let you know in time. There will be a statement put out at the end of the visit.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

END (4:17 P.M. JAPAN TIME)