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SCHLESINGER

Q. WHY DID THE PRESIDENT MEET WITH SCHLESINGER THIS MORNING?

A. IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE MAJOR DEFENSE ISSUES AS HE DOES PERIODICALLY. THESE MAJOR DEFENSE ISSUES WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

Q. LIKE WHAT?

A. DEFENSE BUDGET, INFLATION, MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

Q. CUTTING DEFENSE BUDGET?

A. A WHOLE RANGE OF BUDGET ISSUES.

Q. RESIGNATION?

A. NO, AS FAR AS I KNOW. AS I SAID BEFORE THE PRESIDENT HAS FULL CONFIDENCE IN MR. SCHLESINGER AND THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR HIM TO LEAVE THE ADMINISTRATION.

