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3. The President is meeting with the Executive Committee members of the Trilateral Commission today. Who are these people? What does the President plan to discuss with them?

Guidance: The Trilateral Commission, a private organization, was created in the spring of 1972 on the basis of a proposal by David Rockefeller to "bring the best brains in the world to bear on the problems of the future." Its members are prestigious business and academic leaders from North America, Japan, and Western Europe. Its purposes are: (1) to enhance cooperation among the three regions represented, (2) to analyze major issues affecting them, and (3) to develop and endorse practicable proposals on questions of vital mutual interest.

The Commission has about 180 members. Its task forces have produced reports on trilateral political cooperation, monetary reform, aid cooperation between industrialized and OPEC countries, energy, and multilateral trade negotiations. Its three regional chairmen are Gerard Smith (former Chairman of US SALT delegation) from North America, Takeshi Watanabe (former President of the Asian Development Bank) from Japan, and Max Kohnstamm (President of the European Community Institute for University Studies) from Western Europe. The Commission's Director is Prof. Brzezinski of Columbia.

As you know, the President has stated his interest in meeting with intellectual leaders of the United States and abroad to discuss important issues of today.