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POOL REPORT  
ON  
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY  
OF  
PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING  
WITH NATO AMBASSADORS

This is a very brief pool report on the meeting with the 13 NATO Ambassadors. The President was in the Roosevelt Room, sitting at the head of the table, in front of a portrait of Teddy Roosevelt, with Secretary of State Kissinger to his immediate right; the President at the head, Kissinger to his right. You have a list of the other participants in the meeting.

As we were leaving, the President said, "Thank you very much, gentlemen. I look forward to seeing all of you." The President and the Secretary didn't smile until the very end when, looking at us, Mr. Ford asked, "Do you have this problem in your country, too?" Then he said, "They are all fine people, but they get their pound of flesh."

The President of the United States said to one of the foreign visitors, you know, off to the side, whoever happened to be two or three bodies down, sort of rhetorically, obviously, "Do you have this problem, too," and he was smiling a slight smile. He said, "They are all fine people, but they get their pound of flesh." That reference was to the press. This was before he then said goodbye.

There was a portrait of Teddy Roosevelt in the front and one of him riding a horse somewhere on the left. The President was wearing the same suit as this morning; Kissinger also was in a navy suit.

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