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POOL REPORT ON THE
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
WITH THE SOVIET CHARGÉ

I was in the Roosevelt Room with the Soviet Chargé, whose name is correct on the handout you have. Secretary Kissinger was in there, too. It was very hard to hear, but as we came in, they seemed to be talking about Ambassador Dobrynin and one of the things that the President said was something about 1962, "He seems to go on and on." Then the Chargé said, "He must have been 17 or something."

The President said, "Give the Ambassador my best. He looks so rugged." And now you will be happy with these following blanks. The Chargé said, "Of course he will be very pleased to" -- blank.

And then the President says, "I hope that Mr. Brezhnev will" blank "very soon."

And then the Chargé said, "He is in the Crimea." And the President said, "I was in 1958 or 1959. When was the trade fair?", as we were ushered out.

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