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POOL REPORT ON THE
MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
WITH THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR

Among the people present were President Ford, Secretary Kissinger and the Japanese Ambassador, whose name is Takesh Yasukawa. The President and the Ambassador were chatting about a meeting that the President had earlier in the week with some Japanese parliamentarians.

There were ten members of the Japanese Diet, including all three of the major parties, and the President said, "They asked some very good questions, and they didn't let up on me." Then at one point he said, "I didn't know you had that many parties." And the Ambassador responded saying, "Your answers were very good. Thank you very much for having received them."

Kissinger then told the President, "I thanked the Ambassador for the cooperative way in which we settled the Washington energy conference," referring to the conference held last February in Washington. President Ford said, "That was a very tough, very difficult period, not only for your country and mind, but for the European countries as well."

The President continued, "We were all sort of sitting on pins and needles." Kissinger said the conference led "to a concrete program." And then the Ambassador said referring to the energy crisis, "my country was put in a rather chaotic situation."

Ambassadors from major nations are coming to see President Ford and Secretary Kissinger all day. The NATO Ambassadors are coming and then a group of Latin American Ambassadors, a group of Middle Eastern Ambassadors, plus the Ambassadors from five other countries.

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