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POOL REPORT

Start of Second Day's Talks

President Ford came out of his dacha at 9:55 a.m. for the scheduled 10 o'clock meeting, walking briskly with Kissinger and leading a group of aides. Senior aides had preceded them by a few minutes.

The President was wearing his three-quarter length wolf-skin parka and mink hat. Kissinger had a plain Republican cloth parka, beige color, and fur hat.

The President greeted photographers, "Are you bright-eyed this morning?"

"Are we making progress?" he was asked.

"We're encouraged," he replied.

"We've all been writing glowing stories based on the Secretary's briefing," he was told.

"I hope we don't disappoint you," he said.

One last question, "Do you expect to see Vladivostok?"

"We'll take one step at a time," he said.

Except for the greeting, the President appeared thoughtful and entirely serious as he strode out the gate, turned right and headed down the 200-yard tree-lined roadway to the conference hall.

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