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ADDENDUM--AIR FORCE ONE POOL REPORT

Earlier in the flight, before the senior American official arrived with some news, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger came back to chat with the pool and was asked what he planned as an encore of his last "Salzburg extravaganza. I've been practicing the Salzburg press conference for months in front of a mirror. You're going to get an encore."

Kissinger was asked just who is running American foreign policy, himself or the President. He laughed and said, "you vultures are always asking me that." Then his remarks on the TODAY show giving Ford high marks in his conduct of foreign affairs were brought up. Kissinger was at some pains (though genial ones) to point out that "the goddamn reporter" had raised the question and that Kissinger was not merely volunteering the observation. "I was asked the question," he retorted. "What am I supposed to say--he's doing a lousy job?"

"He's doing a very good job."

"It's sort of a stupid debate, don't you think--who's running foreign policy? The President--who else?"

Asked if he was going to conduct a private briefing in Salzburg Monday night for the State Department regulars who accompany him on his trips, Kissinger said he was going to have dinner with the group but that there would be no special briefing.

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