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AIR FORCE ONE POOL REPORT
Salzburg to Rome

Ford left the Schloss Klesheim at 7:25 a. m. arriving about eight minutes later at the airport. He was greeted by an alpine band. He chatted briefly at the foot of the ramp with Chancellor Kreisky and then bade farewell to Kriesky, Ambassador Buchanan, their wives and other officials. Wheels up 7:45 a. m.

Kissinger came back twice. On the first trip he talked of his dog Tyler. His wife Nancy has given it to him for a fifty-second (last Tuesday) birthday present. Tyler is a two month old Labrador Retriever and it will weigh 120 pounds at full growth. Kissinger said, "I like dogs, I really do."

On the West Point speech tomorrow, Nessen said the President would look over the speech early on the trip back home and it should be released in Washington by late afternoon or early evening. Air Force One Pool will get it. Ron said a report on the European trip will dominate the speech.

On his second trip back Kissinger was asked about the visit to Rome and the audience with Pope Paul and the Secretary said the Pope has had a lot of experience and it will be useful for the President to get his perspective and advice on food, refugees, and Middle East peace. And he said, referring to the Pope, he is a very experienced man in addition to his spiritual qualities. Kissinger was asked whether the Pope would have suggestions on Jerusalem and he said the Pope usually expresses a concern in such matters but does not put forth concrete detailed proposals. He always expresses concern about Catholic holy places. He wouldn't go into who should govern or what specific political arrangements should be made to protect the holy places. We asked him what Ford would discuss or if he had a message for the Pope, and he said the President would probably discuss his various peace efforts and the Middle East and see what ideas the Pope might have. The Pope use to have a great interest in Vietnam because of the number of Catholics there. Asked to sum up the European trip, Kissinger called it very successful. He gave a new sense of vitality and direction to NATO. But you can pick it up from the European press. The concern about where about America is going has been eased--probably eliminated. On the Middle East part of the trip we hope it is going to mark the first stage of some progress toward peace.

He expects that what will happen after the President's meeting with Rabin will be similar to what happens after the meeting with Sadat. There will be a review so everyone will know what everyone else has said and then we can see if we can mesh these things together. He was asked if a message was sent to Israel about the Sadat meetings, we have been in touch with Dimitz and I will see Dimitz when I get back. We will give them a general sense of what went on.

We arrived at 9:55 a. m. (Rome time). There was a welcome at Ciampino Airport under fairly tight security, by Ambassador Volpe and Oriande Contucci, Chief of Protocol. It was a brief ten minute ceremony including a review of the honor guard --the band played what the pool would call a twenty-five state national anthem, cut off at the middle. The choppers left at 10:20 a. m.

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