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POOL REPORT NO. 7 - SALLE DES MARBRES

The pool was ushered in shortly before 11:00 a.m., which suggests that the session was about a half an hour late in starting. The conference room is quite ordinary by Versailles standards -- very small, with low ceilings, walls of gray and pink marble, and four white marble Roman-style busts scattered around the sides of the room.

The President sat in the middle of the table, directly across from Giscard. Simon was on the President's left; Seidman on his right. Beginning with the French and moving clockwise, the order was Italy, Great Britain, United States, Japan and Germany.

Each delegation had three seats, for a total of 18. There was one empty seat in the British delegation.

Secretary Kissinger was not present but poolers were told he arrived shortly after we were ushered out. We, therefore, assumed that Seidman was bumped by Kissinger, since the Foreign Ministers of the other delegations were present.

The President was wearing the same banker's black wool suit with gray pin-stripes, as he wore to church earlier this morning. He talked alternately with Simon and Seidman but the pool couldn't hear anything.

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