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POOL REPORT NO. 4 - OPENING SESSION OF THE SUMMIT

The Summit opened shortly after 4 p. m. at the Salon del Mar, a small lounge next door to the hotel's casino. Only the seven heads of state, their Foreign Ministers, Finance Ministers and note-takers were present for the session.

President Ford was flanked by Secretary of State Kissinger on his right and Treasury Secretary Simon on his left at the seven-sided table. During a picture-taking session, Ford talked and joked with Kissinger and Simon. The participants faced each other around a brown table. The curtains were pulled back, revealing a panoramic view of the ocean, some 35 yards away. Directly behind Ford, were flags of the seven countries. Interpreters were in the back of the room in separate cubicles. The U.S. notetaker, sitting in the back of the room next to the interpreters, was Alan Greenspan, Chairman of Ford's Council of Economic Advisers.

Around the table, the French delegation sat to the right of the U.S.; next came the Germans, Japanese, British, Italians and Canadians, in that order.

The weather -- intermittent showers, extremely sultry outside. Inside -- air conditioned. About the room: low ceiling, decorated in pale, earth-toned brown.

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