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EXCHANGE OF REMARKS BY
THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER
AND
FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREY GROMYKO
UPON DEPARTING THE SOVIET EMBASSY, VIENNA
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SECRETARY KISSINGER: The Foreign Minister and I had very good and useful discussions in a cordial atmosphere. We are going to issue a communique at 7:00 tonight, but I can say now that we agreed to meet again in the near future for a further detailed review of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, prospects of peace in the Middle East and other matters of mutual interest.

FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO: I agree with the Secretary. We discussed several problems. All of them are important. I think, I am convinced, discussion is useful and it is necessary. We agreed, of course, to have further discussions with each other, how many of them we do not know, but at least one in the near future.

QUESTION: Has any compromise been reached, sir, on the issue of verification, could you tell us?

FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO: It's a small detail.

QUESTION: Verification is a small detail?

FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO: It's a small detail.

QUESTION: It's been taken care of?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: We can't go into the details of the various issues that were discussed but, as I said, the talks were useful and constructive and we will meet again in the near future to go over any items that will still be unresolved at that point. Thank you.

QUESTION: Did you discuss the Middle East, Dr. Kissinger?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: The Middle East was discussed in detail.

QUESTION: Did you agree on any date for the Geneva Conference?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: We will meet again before that.

QUESTION: Could the next meeting be in Vienna?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: It hasn't been decided yet.

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