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Protective Pool at NATC and Motorcade to President's Residence

President met with Icelandic delegation after he left the Planary Session of NATC. Icelandic Prime Minister Geir Hallgrimsson sat at President's right, Kissinger at his left. At the Prime Minister's right was Icelandic Foreign Minister Einar Agustsson.

The meeting took 13 minutes, from 3:39 to 3:52. Pool heard President and Prime Minister discussing the Law of the Sea Conference, with specific reference to 200-mile fishing zone.

"In several Committees of Congress, they are discussing the extension of the economic zone to 200 miles," President said. "I hope for some resolution."

After their discussion, the President came out, got into his motorcade and went to the residence. He was an hour ahead of schedule and strode right in without stopping. There were some onlookers along route, but nothing outstanding. Cops along the route with tommy guns held back the one-deep crowds. No signs, no demonstrations.

When we passed Common Market building, the windows were jammed with people looking down.

As the President walked into his building, Kissinger stopped to talk to press before leaving for the Greek/Turkish meetings. We asked whether he would brief (not having heard that the President's Press Conference had been announced officially), and Kissinger pleaded innocent. We asked if it would be another senior government official, or, indeed, the most senior government official of them all.

"Who is that, Sonnenfeldt?" Kissinger replied.

Press Office reports that the extra time the President picked up was devoted to "paper work."

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