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Fool Report
AirForce One - Rome to Washington (Andrews AFB)

Secretary Kissinger came back and briefed for about an hour. Material was given on background basis and except for one quote, noted below, is attributable to senior American official.

The official gave a general summation of the entire European trip. Discussing the NATO meeting he said that "overhanging it all was the question of where we (the alliance) are going." The results of the meeting "went beyond what I thought was likely to happen." What has been written in the European press indicates "a strong feeling that a sense of direction has been recovered" by the alliance.

On Portugal, there will be "no judgment" until we see how the Portuguese government evolves. There will be no dispute if ~~the~~ the evolution is in a democratic direction. "But if the communists become the dominant element in a one-party structure we have a serious problem" with respect to continued Portuguese membership. There was a great deal of consensus on Portugal at the NATO summit. "All of the allies now agree that if it reaches a certain point a decision will have to be ~~reached~~ reached."

On Greece-Turkey-Cyprus, "major obstacles remain; tough issues haven't been tackled yet." But a "structure" has been created ~~for~~ for progress to be made. "The big obstacle is the aid cutoff." We are convinced Demirel wants to move and that he can get over his domestic hangups. Last October we could have gotten unilateral Turkish concessions. "Now we can only work a package deal." ~~There is~~ "A serious process is underway. We cannot guarantee that it works." "The President's trip contributed" toward progress on Cyprus.

On Spain, "we believe we can best effect the evolution in Spain by what we are doing in NATO and bilaterally." (On deep background, the official said that the embassy in Spain is trying to keep in contact with all elements in Spain--church, army, socialists etc.) Up to now, the Spaniards have not made any specific statement on the bases--~~whether~~ whether all or some of them should be open or closed. We have been ~~working~~ talking about money with Spain but no sum was mentioned. The talks about bases were in the context of the legal relationship between Spain and us and Spain and Western defense.

On detente, there is no lack of enthusiasm for a security conference. If three issues are settled there still can be a ~~security~~ security conference by late ~~July~~ July: 1. Confidence building. 2. Human contacts. 3. Post conference machinery. There has been progress on human contacts and post-conference machinery. Problem is confidence building--such things as pre-notification of troop movements.

In short, the NATO conference was viewed by the senior official as a success. NATO countries are no longer given to "frantic movements" on their own. There is no more talk about "the two superpowers," running things or of European countries risking themselves in NATO

