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WASHINGTON (AP)-THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY THERE IS NO CHANGE IN BASIC U.S. POLICY TOWARD EUROPE AND NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING WITH AMERICA'S ALLIES, LOOKING TOWARD A NIXON VISIT.

DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY GERALD WARREN SAID THE TIMING OF THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP "WILL BE BASED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE PROGRESS OF CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE CONTINUING."

HE SAID THE PRESIDENT "STILL INTENDS TO VISIT EUROPE."

WARREN WAS ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ALLIES BEFORE NIXON ISSUED HIS WORLDWIDE ALERT OF U.S. FORCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

WARREN DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE PRESIDENTIAL CONSULTATIONS, BUT HE POINTED OUT "THE STATE DEPARTMENT DID CONSULT." THE QUESTION WAS RAISED OVER WHETHER THE U.S. HAD DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH SOME OF ITS ALLIES, WHOSE AIR SPACE AND PORTS WERE USED IN PUTTING THE ALERT INTO EFFECT.

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