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NIXON:

PARIS, APRIL 7, REUTER--PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY MET SOVIET PRESIDENT NIKOLAI PODGORNYY FOR TWO HOURS AT THE END OF A TWO-DAY VISIT DURING WHICH THEY ATTENDED A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PRESIDENT GEORGES POMPIDOU.

U.S. OFFICIALS DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, THEY WERE UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE FOCUSED LARGELY ON NIXON'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

THE TALKS WERE HELD AT THE U.S. EMBASSY RESIDENCE AND BEGAN OVER BREAKFAST.

THE TWO LEADERS WERE JOINED AT THE END OF THEIR TALKS BY JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER KAKUEI TANAKA.

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ALEXANDER HAIG, WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF, SAID NIXON AND PODGORNYY HAD "FAR-RANGING DISCUSSIONS FOCUSSED ON THE TALKS THE U.S. PRESIDENT WILL HAVE WITH SOVIET LEADERS IN MOSCOW, PROBABLY IN LATE JUNE".

"THEY ALSO DISCUSSED U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, TRADE, SALT (STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS) AND REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST", HAIG SAID.

HE ADDED: "IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE SOVIET LEADERS WERE PLEASED BY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW LAST MONTH."

IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, HAIG LET IT BE ASSUMED THAT THE TOPIC OF GRANTING THE SOVIET UNION MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS IN TRADE MATTERS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED ALONG WITH THE SOVIET UNION'S POLICY ON EMIGRATION.

CONGRESS HAS BEEN BALKING ON PROVIDING MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS UNTIL THE RUSSIANS EASE THEIR POLICY ON ALLOWING JEWS

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AND OTHER SOVIET CITIZENS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.  
HAIG ALSO SAID THE MENU AT THE BREAKFAST TALKS CONSISTED  
OF POACHED EGGS, FRUIT, CHEESE AND CAVIAR. RUSSIAN VODKA  
WAS DRUNK IN TOASTS.

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