

State Dept. review completed

HAS & HAS ONLY

MORI C05146475

[Redacted]

ZNY WNNWN  
Z 221324Z ZFFI  
ZEM

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE  
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

25X1

T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE. 221255Z NOV 71  
FM AMBASSADOR WATSON PARIS, 1681

[Redacted]

25X1

TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY FOR DR. HENRY KISSINGER  
FOLLOWING OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, THE EXACT WORDING OF TALKING  
POINTS AS AGREED TO BY FRENCH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. PRESIDENT NIXON, PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO PEKING AND MOSCOW,  
WISHES TO MEET THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE TO REVIEW THE INTERNATIONAL  
SITUATION.

2. PRESIDENT POMPIDOU HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON  
ON DECEMBER 13 AND 14.

3. (FYI -- THEY DO NOT WISH TO BE SPECIFIC AS TO THE AZORES  
LOCATION OR THE FACILITIES, AND THEY ARE GOING TO LEAVE THAT UP TO  
THE PORTUGUESE. THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE LANGUAGE OF PARA 3  
INsofar AS SECRETARY ROGERS' APPROACH TO THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY  
IN WASHINGTON IS CONCERNED. (END FYI) FROM THE STANDPOINT OF  
CONVENIENCE, AND SUBJECT TO PORTUGUESE APPROVAL, THEY WISH TO MEET  
AT TERCEIRA ISLAND IN THE AZORES IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AT LAJES.

4. BOTH PRESIDENTS HOPE THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WILL  
AGREE WITH THE SUGGESTION OF HOLDING THE MEETING AT THE AZORES AND  
WILL BE WILLING TO PROVIDE SUITABLE FACILITIES OFF THE BASE FOR  
THEIR BILATERAL MEETINGS.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER SCHUMANN IS MAKING A SIMILAR APPROACH  
TO THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TODAY IN PARIS.

6. WE HOPE THAT THE PORTUGUESE WILL INDICATE THEIR CONCURRENCE  
IN TIME TO PERMIT US TO MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON NOVEMBER 24.

7. UNTIL THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT  
ABSOLUTE SECRECY BE MAINTAINED ON THIS MATTER AND THAT ALL  
COMMUNICATIONS BE THROUGH THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO  
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.  
SCHUMANN INFORMED OF WHOLE EXERCISE AT 11:30 THIS MORNING. WILL  
MAKE DEMARCHE TO PORTUGUESE AGREED UPON AT 3:00 P.M. PARIS  
TIME. THEY DID NOT AGREE AND WERE EMPHATIC ON THE NON-SIMULTANEOUS  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ALL THREE. POMPIDOU WILL SEE CAETANO IF  
LATTER WISHES.

AGREE ON WORDING OF NOVEMBER 24 ANNOUNCEMENT AS FOLLOWS: PRIOR  
TO HIS VISIT TO PEKING AND MOSCOW, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS EXPRESSED  
A DESIRE TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE TO REVIEW THE  
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. PRESIDENT POMPIDOU HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH  
PRESIDENT NIXON IN THE AZORES ON DECEMBER 13 AND 14 TO DISCUSS  
CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND US-FRENCH BILATERAL RELATIONS."  
HAVE INFORMED JOELANT THAT SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BRITISH-GERMAN  
MEETINGS WILL BE MADE AT 48-HOUR INTERVALS AFTER FRENCH ANNOUNCEMENT  
NOVEMBER 24.

WARM REGARDS

BT  
3300