

POOL REPORT #7

PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN OF DENMARK
May 29, 1975

The President wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt and blue tie with red stripes, ushered Danish Prime Minister Anker Jorgensen into the street-level small sitting room in the U.S. Embassy to Belgium at 3:10 PM, five minutes late. They sat on two light blue chairs next to each other and chatted while waiting for the pictures to be taken. They talked about the Ford Foundation.

"It's a great institution," the President said. Jorgensen's response was inaudible. "They've done a lot of excellent work," Ford continued, "with foreign students..." Then the President said, "Was that 1959? Were you in the Parliament at that time?"

"No, no," Jorgensen said, Kissinger came in and sat on a red sofa and smiled at the camera. As the press group was ushered out, Ford said "I guess they have another group coming in". The Danes left about 3:30.

Prime Minister Goncalves and the other Portuguese officials came in about 10 minutes late. Before they came in, two servants cleared two empty coffee and two half-filled glasses of what appeared to be iced tea out of the room, carefully leaving one half-smoked cigar and a pipe, which were on a table next to the President's chair.

As Goncalves entered, Barry Schweid of AP asked him if Portugal intends to stay in NATO. The reply, through an interpreter, was: "Naturally." Ford ushered Goncalves to the same chair occupied by Jorgensen. "Do you have a busy schedule too?" the President asked Goncalves.

"I do not speak English too well," the Prime Minister replied. The two sat silently, their faces rather tense, we thought. Both men had their hands clasped in front of them, with Ford leaning towards Goncalves.

Kissinger, on the same sofa on which he sat for the Danes, broke the tension with a grin. "Put one Portuguese over here," the Secretary of State called, slapping the sofa seat next to him. "This is just to confuse the situation." The Portuguese and the Americans laughed and one official sat next to Kissinger.

The chairs on which the two heads of government sit have their backs to a marble fireplace. A gold framed mirror is over the mantel. There are Chinese vases in the room and a big black Chinese screen against one wall. Besides the two chairs there are two facing red sofas. The room is painted white.

Outside the Embassy, there were about 300 onlookers behind metal police barricades. They are standing in front of a park which a Belgian cop spelled out as Wasanda Park. There were very quiet.

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