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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH THE PRESIDENT

THE SUTRO RESIDENCE

8:36 P.M. PDT

QUESTION: Mr. President, could you tell us who you talked with since you came home?

THE PRESIDENT: I talked to my wonderful wife and to Secretary Kissinger.

QUESTION: Well, what did they have to say to you?

THE PRESIDENT: They all thought we did quite well.

QUESTION: They think you won it?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, they are a little prejudiced but I think they were optimistic about the outcome of it.

QUESTION: What did Secretary Kissinger have to say? Anything specific about how the debate had gone with this subject?

THE PRESIDENT: He just felt that we had taken the offensive and we had talked affirmatively about our successes. That was the truth, so he was very pleased.

QUESTION: Do you agree with Mrs. Ford and the Secretary that you won it?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I don't disagree with my wife very often, so on this occasion I will agree with her, as I do on most.

THE PRESS: Thank you, Mr. President.

END (AT 8:37 P.M. PDT)