

Pool Report 10/11/76

FORD-Allon Meeting.

The president and foreign ~~xx~~ minister yigal allon were sitting adjacent to one another in arm chairs with Secy. Kissinger and ~~Brent~~ Brent Scowcroft ^{among others} seated in other chairs around the room. Ford and Allon were exchanging pleasantries when reporters were allowed in for a couple of minutes. Poolers could overhear ford ask Allon to relay "my very very best" to the President and Prime Minister. Allon could be heard to joke that 'there are ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{problems} in Israel' when the president said he looked well. But Allon expressed thanks "particularly with your ~~x~~ (ford's) new decision on the modern (inaudible) and other important items."

Ford replied that "it obviously was the right thing to do to ~~x~~ make certain that it was no question about the support and to meet the circumstances that we want to avoid."

Allon told Ford that he was in Canada before arriving in the U-S. Apparently referring to his own address to the U-N, Allon joked that "I couldn't compete with Henry's speech," but that he would call it "second-best".

Kissinger responded with a ~~j~~ barb about Allon's "humility."

At this point, poolers were ushered out.

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