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TO THE WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY FOR DR. HENRY KISSINGER
JUST HAD MY FIRST MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HUANG, WHICH
WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY. I HAD NOT ANNOUNCED THE MEETING
TO THE PRESS, BUT THE CHINESE DID. AS THE AMBASSADOR SAW ME TO MY
CAR, SEVERAL PRESS MEMBERS WERE THERE AND QUESTIONED ME. I
MERELY STATED WE HAD A FRIENDLY CONTACT WHICH WOULD BE THE FIRST OF
MANY AND THAT WAS ALL. NOW WE ARE BEING QUERIED BY THE PRESS, AND
I WOULD APPRECIATE GREATLY INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW TO HANDLE ANY
FUTURE PRESS CONFRONTATIONS -- SUCH AS, WHOULD I ANNOUNCE BEFORE-
HAND THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A MEETING? OBVIOUSLY WOULD NEVER
DIVULGE ANY TALKS OF SUBSTANCE, AND MY INSTINCT WOULD BE TO REFER
ANY QUESTIONS ON SUBSTANCE TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE AMBASSADOR IS PAYING ME A RETURN CALL AT 1100 THURSDAY.
HE COULD POSSIBLY ANNOUNCE SUCH A CALL, AND I WONDER IF YOU THINK IT
WISE FOR ME TO ANNOUNCE IT IN ADVANCE AS WELL. WARM REGARDS.
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