

President Sets Meeting With King Hussein

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President Ford will hold his first meeting with a foreign chief of state when he confers here Friday with Jordan's King Hussein on the next phase of a Middle East peace effort.

The President also will give a dinner Friday evening for the king and for Queen Alia, the first state dinner of the new administration.

Hussein, who has been on a state visit to Canada and a private visit to Seattle, is stopping here for consultations before returning to Amman.

Jordan has shown a new flexibility on the question of negotiations with Israel. Negotiations on the Jordanian front are expected to be the next phase of the Middle East peace effort.

The President also will give a luncheon Wednesday for Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, who is holding a series of meetings this week with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and other government officials.

The President spent a long day in his office yesterday, conferring with aides and working on his speech, before going to Capitol Hill last night to address a joint session of Congress.

White House press secretary Jerald F. terHorst, in announcing the meeting with Hussein and Fahmy, said the President applauded the action of Portugal in promising independence for Guinea-Bissau, a tiny republic on Africa's west coast.

Mr. Ford instructed U.S. representatives at the United Nations to support Guinea-Bissau's application for membership, TerHorst said.

The press secretary said

custody of the Secret Service."

The question of what to do with them is "still being studied" by White House counsel and by Justice Department lawyers, TerHorst said.

Attorney General William B. Saxbe conferred yesterday with Alexander M. Haig Jr., White House staff chief, but TerHorst said the meeting was principally on Justice Department business.

Until some decision can be made on disposition of the tapes they will remain in the custody of the Secret Service, the press secretary said.

When a reporter asked about an interview the President's son, Michael, gave over the weekend, in which he said the former President should "make a total confession" of his Watergate role, TerHorst said: "I asked the President about that.

"He said with a smile, and you put this in quotes: 'All my children have spoken for themselves since they first learned to speak and not always with my advance approval, and I expect that to continue in the future.'"

Michael Ford is a semiinary student in Wenham, Mass.

President Ford, who is reportedly in excellent health, apparently has not decided on who is to be his White House physician. Dr. Walter Tkach, an Air Force major general and Mr. Nixon's personal physician, flew to San Clemente Friday with the former President.

Dr. William Lukash, a Navy rear admiral and assistant White House physician, will be the President's doctor "at this point," TerHorst said.

Kissinger held his first meeting of the week yesterday with Foreign Minister Fahmy. They will meet again today and Wednesday before meeting with the President.

In response to questions about Egypt's request for \$750 million in aid, State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said:

"This will be discussed here. We are sympathetic to the concerns of the Egyptian government about its agricultural needs. President Nixon said in Cairo that Egyptian needs 'will be given high priority.' This remains the case."

But when asked about military aid for Egypt, Anderson said he was "unaware of any plan for such a discussion."

that the President hoped to be able to decide on his nominee for Vice President "toward the end of the week."

Nevertheless, Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) said that Mr. Ford is "nowhere near" a final decision on the vice presidential nominee.

"Before the announcement is made, I think he would have a fast check with the FBI because no one wants any more trouble in this troubled Washington," Scott said.

TerHorst, asked about the custody of the tape recordings of former President Nixon's conversations, said they are "intact and in the