

Start of Nixon Trip To Moscow May 20 Announced by U.S.

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WASHINGTON, March 16 — The United States and the Soviet Union announced officially today that President Nixon would begin his trip to Moscow on May 22.

A communiqué issued here and in Moscow said that Mr. Nixon and Soviet leaders would "review all major issues with a view toward further improving bilateral relations and enhancing the prospects for world peace."

The New York Times disclosed the starting date last month, attributing the information to a Soviet Embassy source.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, said that the visit would last about a week but that details on the itinerary were still being worked out.

He said that Mrs. Nixon, Secretary of State William P. Rogers, Henry A. Kissinger, the President's adviser on national security, and other officials would accompany Mr. Nixon.

On the recent trip to China the number of newsmen was sharply limited, but Mr. Ziegler said the White House would seek Soviet permission for as many as possible.

In another matter, the State Department announced today that talks on renewing the cultural-exchange agreement for 1972-73 would begin in Moscow tomorrow.