

Military Agreement By U.S. and Spain

Madrid

The United States and Spain resolved yesterday to strengthen their military ties and coordinate them with the Atlantic alliance.

The declaration was initiated by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Foreign Minister Pedro Cortina.

The ceremony marked the completion of Kissinger's six-day tour of Western Europe to report on the Moscow meeting between President Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

Kissinger then headed for home and a scheduled appearance as a witness in the trial of John Ehrlichman, Mr. Nixon's former domestic adviser who is charged in the break-in of the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

The U.S.-Spanish declara-

tion parallels the one signed last month in Brussels by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization members. Spain is not in NATO.

The United States has three military bases in Spain under a 1970 defense pact in exchange for an estimated \$300 million in grants, loans and military equipment.

U.S. officials said Spanish officials have not stated terms for a renewal. Negotiations are to begin shortly.

The declaration supports detente and other "efforts for the consolidation of peace." At the same time, it says the defensive ties between the two countries "must be maintained because their security cannot be disregarded."

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