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# 'Good Progress' Reported on Kissinger Trip

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26 OCT Presidential assistant Henry A. Kissinger returned to Washington from Peking yesterday after making "good progress" on his mission to arrange the agenda and itinerary for President Nixon's forthcoming visit to China.

The President immediately scheduled a breakfast meeting for today to hear first-hand the Kissinger report on his conferences in the Chinese capital. Secretary of State William P. Rogers also will attend the breakfast.

Officials declined to answer most questions about the Kissinger journey, but one who was informed about it said it was "apparently successful."

White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said U.S. and Chinese officials made "good progress in their discussions" in Peking over a six-day period.

Ziegler also added fuel to speculation that the presidential trip may be this year when he said that Kissinger remained two days longer than scheduled because additional time was needed "in finalizing the details of the President's trip."

However, Ziegler later modified the word "finalizing," declaring he did not know prior to Kissinger's return when the President would go to China.

Traveling on a presidential jet piloted by the President's pilot, Col. Ralph Albertazzie, the party made the 14,583-mile trip from Peking in an overall elapsed time of 16½ hours. There were stops in Shanghai and Anchorage.

Ziegler declined to comment on the Kissinger trip until after the President receives a full report, and Kissinger declined to speak to newsmen on arrival at Andrews Air Force Base.

cive a reporter from him on his recent trip to Turkey, Iran and Greece.

In discussing the Agnew meeting, Ziegler denied that the White House had specifically approved a \$10 to \$25 million loan to Greece for a \$50 million aerospace project.

Responding to questions about a Washington Post story which said the administration had approved the loan for the Hellenic Aerospace Industry, Ziegler said the report was "somewhat garbled" in suggesting specific White House approval.

The Defense Department has authority under existing legislation and administration policy to make such loans under the foreign military sales program he said. He referred to such agreements as "routine."

Explaining U.S. policy toward Greece, Ziegler said that aid to Greece is provided "within the framework of our NATO alliance."

"Such assistance reflects the importance of that country in the NATO alliance," Ziegler added. "It does not reflect any judgement on its internal form of government, and what I am suggesting to you is that any decision along this line would fall within that framework."

Asked to comment on Agnew's statements praising the Greek government, Ziegler said "it is our understanding" that "the objective is for Greece to move to a democratic form of government. That has been an understanding we have had for some time."

Mr. Nixon is scheduled to welcome President Tito of Yugoslavia to the White House Thursday.