

Kissinger Cheers on Joe Namath

New York

Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger was "just another thrilled football fan" as he mingled with the New York Jets after yesterday's 41-3 smashing of the Buffalo Bills.

"That Joe Namath is a nice fellow," said Kissinger, who was the guest of Jets' owner Phil Iselein, an old friend. "They were all so friendly after having been so tough on the field minutes earlier."

Kissinger, taking a breather from international peace negotiations, flew from President Nixon's retreat at Key Biscayne, Fla., in time

for Saturday night's performance of the Broadway play "That Championship Season."

"It was a very fine play and a fine football game," he said. "I'll have to admit this is a fine outlet from ten sions."

Kissinger was accompanied to both diversions by Nancy McGinnis of the Ford Foundation.

He spoke freely with players and reporters. "I've never been in a locker room before. I'm an old soccer player from Europe, and I have always been a great sports fan. As a kid, I was a baseball nut who idolized Yankee players like Joe DeMaggio



Henry Kissinger, in the Jets' locker room after yesterday's game, chatted with quarterback Joe Namath and linebacker Larry Grantham while owner Phil Iselein and coach Weeb Ewbank (two at right) looked on.

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and Tommy Henrich."

Kissinger laughed when asked if the President had sent a secret play by him for the Jets.

"The Jets won so easily,"

he said, "that I didn't need to give it to them."

With Iselein and a Secret Service man leading interference, Kissinger met sev-

eral players and remained in the Shea Stadium home

utes. "I lived in New York for a long time and played some soccer at George Washing-

ton High School," he said. "I follow the Redskins when I'm in Washington, but I guess you'd have to say the Jets are my favorite team."

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