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FOLLOWING FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY.

GUADELOPE SUMMIT.

1. CALLING ON VANCE ON OTHER BUSINESS TODAY. I ASKED HIM FOR HIS JUDGEMENT OF THE GUADELOPE SUMMIT, REMARKING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THE WAY IT HAD GONE. VANCE SAID THAT SO TOO HAD THE PRESIDENT. MR CARTER HAD DESCRIBED IT AS ONE OF THE BEST MEETINGS THAT HE HAD EVER ATTENDED AND HAD SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT GISCARD HAD THOUGHT IT HAD GONE WELL TOO. BUT MR CARTER HAD FELT THAT SCHMIDT HAD PERHAPS BEEN LESS ENTHUSIASTIC THAN THE OTHER THREE. I REPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT OUR IMPRESSION, ALTHOUGH THE PRESS SEEMED KEEN TO MAKE OUT THAT THE THREE EUROPEAN LEADERS HAD NOT BEEN ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH MR CARTER'S POSITION ON EAST/WEST RELATIONS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT. VANCE REPLIED THAT THE DISCUSSION OF THIS AT GUADELOUPE HAD GONE WELL. THE PRESIDENT ATTACHED THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE ISSUE AND HAD IT AT THE TOP OF HIS LIST OF PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD.

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