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Meeting began: 12:25 p.m.
Meeting ended: 73

NOTES ON BRIEFING OF FORMER VICE PRESIDENT NIXON
AND GOVERNOR AGNEW

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THOSE ATTENDING THE BRIEFING WERE:

The President
Former Vice President Nixon
Secretary Rusk
CIA Director Helms
Cyrus Vance
Governor Agnew
Tom Johnson *Tom*

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CIA Director Helms: Czechoslovakia is eased, not over. The Czechs want to reduce commitment to Warsaw Pact. Czechoslovakia made certain assurances. Prague meeting will take place in September. Soviets seek to bring about reforms.

Nixon: Is it your opinion that the Soviets can't let this happen?

Secretary Rusk: The problem is if both sides can move along so Czechoslovakia can progress and the Soviets can take care of its problems with its students, visitors.

Nixon: Will pressure be kept on?

CIA Director Helms: Yes. The situation will continue to be a tense one.

Nixon: The best line publicly is that this is a sensitive situation. We have sympathy but to say anything would not be helpful.

Secretary Rusk: That is right.

Governor Agnew: What is the relation of this to the Jewish question?

CIA Director Helms: No antisemitism in Czechoslovakia.

Nixon: The Czech government goes to great pains to show Jewish cemetery. It is no problem. It is a problem in Poland.

Secretary Rusk: Don't give the Russians a pretext for action. We've been tough on the USSR privately, not in public.

CIA Director Helms: MID-EAST. The ^Jarring mission has not worked. There is very little movement. The Israelis have crushed Jordanians because of terrorists raids.

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