

MR. POWELL: My only purpose here is to introduce the principals in the briefing and, of course, out of a nagging feeling of loneliness--not having seen all of you today. I would like to mention a couple of ground rules here.

As was previously announced, this is a background briefing. It is for attribution to "Senior Officials in the Prime Ministers Office" and to "Senior Administration Officials".

The purpose of the briefing is to provide information to you on the visit of the Prime Minister of Canada and his meeting with the President. We would ask that you confine your questions to that general area, if you will.

For your information, the Prime Minister and the President met alone today from 3:20 until 3:30 -- I beg your pardon. The Prime Minister and the President and Secretary Vance met in the Cabinet Room from 3:20 until 3:30. They were then joined by the rest of the participants. That list of participants has been posted for you. I will be glad to go over it with you again, if you so desire. That meeting lasted from 3:30 until 4:50.

Let me introduce to you -- if you will -- the participants in the briefing.

First, Mr. Ivan L. Head, who is a Senior Advisor of International Relations in the Office of the Prime Minister.

I think most of you know Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski who is Assistant to the President for National Security