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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT PFLIMLIN DISCUSSES TRADE, SECURITY WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN

Pierre Pflimlin, President of the European Parliament, discussed trade and security questions with President Ronald Reagan during a November 20 meeting at the White House.

Following the meeting, Mr. Pflimlin released this statement:

Our conversation began with a review of the trade questions currently at issue between the United States and the European Community, in particular regarding agriculture.

I thanked the President for the firm stand he has taken up to now against protectionist tendencies in the United States. I expressed the hope that he could withstand this pressure in the future.

I stressed my conviction that the European Community and the United States would do better to cooperate than to confront one another.

We then turned to questions of security with special reference to the Reykjavik summit. To my questions on the content of the agreement which he and Mr. Gorbachev had considered, President Reagan stressed that if the two sides agreed to renounce intermediate range missiles in Europe, they would not be merely withdrawn, but destroyed.

President Reagan also said that a possible agreement on nuclear weapons in Europe could be linked to the re-establishment of a balance in conventional forces.

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