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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Ford met for a little more than an hour with the Bipartisan Congressional leadership in the Roosevelt Room this afternoon.

He consulted with them on the major areas he expects to cover in his Foreign Policy speech to a joint session of Congress tomorrow night and heard their views in these areas.

The only specific preview of the speech the President gave was a statement that he will recommend humanitarian aid for Indochina

On the general subject of his Foreign Policy speech the President said, "If Congress and the President cooperate, we can move forward to new successes. We need a strong working relationship."

In response to a question on what assurances the United States had given to South Vietnam, the President read to the Congressional leaders the same statement that the Press Secretary issued at his briefing today. There was no further discussion of this issue.

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