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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Ford and His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan met in the Oval Office for 60 minutes this morning beginning at 10:30 a.m.. Also attending the meeting were Secretary Kissinger, U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Thomas Pickering and Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft on the U.S. side, and Prime Minister Rifai on the Jordanian side.

The meeting gave President Ford and His Majesty the opportunity to renew their past friendship and to discuss matters of common interest and concern. They reviewed the current state of peace efforts in the Middle East. The President assured His Majesty that the United States remains committed to working for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

The President also reaffirmed the United States' continued and active support for the Jordanian Government's efforts toward economic development and the importance the United States attaches to a strong, stable and friendly Jordan under His Majesty's leadership. The President reiterated the United States commitment to continue assistance and to the close ties of friendship and cooperation with Jordan.

As previously announced, the President will host a working dinner tonight at the White House for King Hussein.

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