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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

In connection with his attendance at the NATO Summit meeting in Brussels May 29-30, the President will also visit Spain and Italy. Mrs. Ford will accompany the President.

At the invitation of the Spanish Government, the President will visit Madrid on May 31 and June 1, immediately following his attendance at the NATO Summit meeting in Brussels. The President looks forward to discussing matters of common interest with Spanish leaders.

President Ford will visit Rome on June 3 at the invitation of Italian President Giovanni Leone. President Leone recently renewed his invitation to the President, which was first issued during his visit to Washington last September. The President looks forward to the opportunity of discussing matters of common interest with President Leone, Prime Minister Moro, and other Italian leaders.

On the occasion of his visit to Italy, the President will visit Vatican City for an audience with His Holiness Pope Paul VI. The President looks forward to this meeting for a discussion of humanitarian issues of mutual interest.

By mutual agreement, the State Visit to the United States of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Walter Scheel, will take place from June 16-19, 1975. The Federal President will be accompanied by Mrs. Scheel. (This visit was originally announced as beginning on June 2. The change has been necessitated by scheduling considerations in both countries.)