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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Ford and President Scheel of the Federal Republic of Germany began their meeting this morning after the South Grounds arrival ceremony. The talks lasted about one hour and provided the two Presidents an opportunity to become acquainted and to discuss a number of international issues of mutual interest. President Scheel was accompanied in today's meeting by Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher, Dr. Paul Frank, State Secretary in the Office of the President, and Ambassador Berndt Von Staden. Secretary Kissinger, General Scowcroft and Ambassador Martin Hillenbrand participated on the U.S. side.

The two Presidents devoted special attention this morning to US-FRG relations and the Atlantic Alliance, including the very positive outcome of the NATO Summit meeting in Brussels. They agreed that the Summit had permitted valuable consultations among the members of the Alliance and a significant reaffirmation of Alliance cohesion and unity. In this connection, President Ford expressed his pleasure at continuing close consultations between the United States and the Federal Republic and the two leaders agreed that such consultations are a reflection of the very close ties of friendship and alliance between the two countries.

President Ford and President Scheel had an exchange of views on developments in East-West relations, including a review of the status of the European Security Conference. The Presidents also discussed other current international issues and reviewed international economic and energy issues.

President Scheel extended an invitation to President Ford to visit the Federal Republic of Germany and the President accepted with pleasure.

The President will host a dinner in honor of President Scheel at the White House this evening.

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