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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President met at 11:00 a.m. with the Directors of the U. S. / U. S. S. R. Trade and Economic Council. The meeting gave the President an opportunity to commend the Council on its efforts to develop trade and improved relations between the U. S. and the Soviet Union.

The President reaffirmed his support for the normalization of economic ties as an important element in our overall effort to build a more constructive U. S./U. S. S. R. relationship. The President said that he was disappointed that the Trade Agreement of 1972 has not yet entered into force.

He expressed the hope that obstacles to implementation of the Agreement can be overcome and said that the Administration will continue with Congress to that end.

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