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WHITE HOUSE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER THORN'S VISIT

(to be announced 12:00 p. m. EDT, Tuesday, October 21,  
1975 -- with simultaneous announcement in Luxembourg)

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President Ford has invited Prime Minister Gaston Thorn of Luxembourg to Washington on November 12, 1975 for an informal working visit. Prime Minister Thorn has accepted the invitation with pleasure and will come to Washington from New York where he is presiding over the 30th session of the United Nations General Assembly. The two leaders look forward to reviewing bilateral issues and international developments of interest to Luxembourg and the United States.

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Q: Have Prime Minister Thorn and the President met?

A: Yes. They held a meeting in Brussels last May at the time of the NATO summit in Brussels.

Q: How long has Thorn been Prime Minister?

A: He has been Prime Minister since 1974 and Foreign Minister since 1969.  
(FYI: He holds both positions.)

Q: What is the purpose of this meeting?

A: The President attaches a great importance to maintaining close and continuing consultations with our friends and allies in Western Europe. The Prime Minister's visit will be a part of that process.

Q: Is this a State Visit or an official visit -- what's the right designation?

A: This will be an informal working visit by the Luxembourg Prime Minister.

The President will meet with him for an office meeting and will give a working dinner in his honor at the White House on the evening of

November 12.