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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Ford and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met in the Oval Office for about 30 minutes today. As you know, the President and the Prime Minister met for forty minutes on Tuesday and again yesterday for an hour and fifteen minutes.

The two leaders met again today to discuss in depth the issues involved in shaping the course of negotiations over the next few months and to review bilateral relations between our two countries. The President was pleased to become reacquainted with Prime Minister Rabin. The talks were described as friendly and useful to both sides.

Both leaders reaffirmed the importance of maintaining the momentum of negotiations on a genuine peace settlement in the Middle East. They made progress in moving toward an understanding of how these negotiations might proceed.

The President reaffirmed the long-standing American friendship for Israel and continuing U.S. support for the security and well-being of Israel. The President welcomed the increasing commercial contacts between the United States and Israel, in keeping with the close ties between the two countries. The President and the Prime Minister reviewed the on-going U.S. military supply relationship and the President reaffirmed the continuity of that relationship.

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