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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

A White House spokesman made the following remarks after Japanese Prime Minister Tanaka's meeting with the President:

The President has just completed a very cordial meeting with Prime Minister Tanaka. The meeting began at 5:40 p.m. and lasted for about 60 minutes. Secretary of State Kissinger and Japanese Foreign Minister Toshio Kimura attended the meeting as did our Ambassador to Japan, James D. Hodgson, and the Japanese Ambassador in Washington, Takeshi Yasukawa and Deputy Vice Minister Kiyohiko Tsurumi. After the meeting, the Prime Minister left immediately for Bermuda.

The atmosphere of the meeting was very warm and friendly and permitted the President and Prime Minister to establish a personal relationship. The meeting itself symbolized the importance both place upon continuing the excellent cooperative relations between the U.S. and Japan. The President and Prime Minister held a broad general discussion covering U.S. -Japan relations, the situation in Asia and other international matters of common interest to both countries, including a review of international economic, trade, food, inflation and energy problems. The planning for the President's state visit to Japan this November at the invitation of the Government of Japan was also discussed. The President told the Prime Minister that he and Mrs. Ford are very much looking forward to their visit to Japan and becoming better acquainted with the Japanese leaders, people and culture.

In this context, I want to tell you that rather than November 19, as we had announced earlier, it has subsequently been agreed that the President will arrive in Japan on the afternoon of November 18, and will depart Japan on November 22.

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