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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The doctors attending Mrs. Ford issued the following pathology report:

The final pathology report was made available about 4 p.m. today. Mrs. Ford had cancer in the right breast at the location previously described. Examination of the tissue in the lymph bearing area removed at surgery showed microscopic involvement of cancer in only two out of thirty nodes. There was no involvement in local blood vessels. Considering that only two of the lymph nodes were involved, and that there is no clinical evidence of cancer spread to other areas, her doctors remain optimistic for a prolonged survival. During Mrs. Ford's post-operative recovery period, special diagnostic studies will be performed to determine whether x-ray therapy, hormonal therapy, or chemotherapy should be instituted in order to ensure maximum treatment of this cancer.

The President was informed of the pathology report by Dr. Lukash and Mrs. Ford was informed of the report by Dr. Fouty.

The doctors said the President and Mrs. Ford were pleased by the optimistic outlook.

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