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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Ford and His Majesty, Sultan Qaboos of Oman, met in the Oval Office for forty minutes. Secretary of State Kissinger, General Scowcroft and Ambassador William Walle were also present on the American side, and Senior Ambassador Tarik bin Taimur, Foreign Minister Qais al-Zawawi, and Ambassador Ahmed Macki on the Omani side.

The President expressed his pleasure at this opportunity to get to know the Sultan on this, his first visit to Washington since becoming Sultan in 1970. The United States maintains excellent relations with Oman, and both the President and Sultan Qaboos reaffirmed their intention to maintain this friendship. The President particularly commended His Majesty for his efforts to achieve stability in Oman and for his large-scale economic development program to bring rapid prosperity to his people.

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