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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Ford and Prime Minister Harold Wilson of the United Kingdom began their meetings this morning after the South Grounds arrival ceremony. The session lasted about 95 minutes and provided the President and Prime Minister Wilson an opportunity to become personally acquainted and to begin in-depth discussions on a number of international issues of mutual interest.

The President and the Prime Minister devoted special attention this morning to international financial and energy issues and to related economic subjects. The focus of their discussion was best described by the President during the arrival ceremony this morning when he said that "the key to solving the formidable problems confronting us today is close cooperation and mutual help." The two leaders noted progress already made toward international cooperation, and agreed on the need for close and continuing consultations among the Western leaders to prepare the way for further cooperation.

The President's meetings with Prime Minister Wilson continue the very important process of close and continuing consultations with our friends and allies in Western Europe on the cooperative policies and programs required to meet the economic, energy and security challenges confronting the Atlantic Community.

As you know, the President will host a dinner in honor of Prime Minister Wilson tonight. The two leaders will meet again tomorrow morning to continue their talks.

Secretary of State Kissinger and United Kingdom Foreign Secretary Callaghan participated in the meeting.

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