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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Ford met with Dr. Ephraim Katzir, President of Israel Monday, March third. The meeting lasted for thirty minutes. Also attending were Ambassador Dinitz and Mr. Gideon Shamron, Director of the Israeli President's office, and Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft.

President Ford welcomed President Katzir on his first visit to the United States as President of Israel and expressed his pleasure that a courtesy call by President Katzir was possible during his private visit. In the spirit of the excellent relations which exist between the United States and Israel, President Ford also took the occasion to reaffirm America's commitment to Israel's security and well being, as well as our determination to assist in efforts to bring about further progress toward a Middle East settlement.

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