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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President met with his Cabinet from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The President asked Secretary of State Kissinger to give a report on his Middle East peace efforts. The Secretary gave a report along the lines of his public statements on the peace talks.

At the end of this presentation the President expressed his gratitude to Secretary Kissinger and said he had "nothing but the highest admiration for Dr. Kissinger's skill and patience". The President said, "I think that is the feeling around the country". Other Cabinet members expressed their praise for Secretary Kissinger's peace efforts.

Among other matters discussed was Inflation Impact Statements. The President reminded the Cabinet members that he expects them to prepare Inflation Impact Statements for their proposals. He said that Cabinet members should meet with OMB Director Lynn to discuss how to carry out this directive.

James Cannon, Executive Director of the Domestic Council, gave a brief factual report on proposed consumer protection legislation pending before Congress. No decisions were made on an Administration proposal.

The President closed the meeting by saying, "We have a lot of talent in this Cabinet. Members can contribute beyond their own departments because of their training and experience in other fields. By meeting regularly, you can all contribute recommendations in various areas and thereby improve this Administration's performance."

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