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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Ford met with President Kenneth D. Kaunda of Zambia at 3:20 p.m. today. The meeting lasted one hour. Attending the meeting with the two Presidents, were Zambia's Foreign Minister Vernon J. Mwaanga; Mark Chona, Special Assistant to President Kaunda; and Ambassador to the United States Siteke Mwale; Secretary Kissinger; Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, Nathaniel Davis; and Ambassador Jean M. Wilkowski, the United States Ambassador to Zambia.

The President who had not met previously with President Kaunda, extended to him a warm welcome to the United States.

They took the opportunity to exchange views on world issues of mutual concern and also to discuss a wide-range of African issues.

President Ford was particularly interested in discussing with President Kaunda the changing political situation in southern Africa and in learning President Kaunda's views of the future prospects for meaningful change.

The President reaffirmed to President Kaunda that we are intent on developing a closer relationship with the nations of Africa, noting that a primary goal is to increase mutual understanding and cooperation. The meeting also included a review of our bilateral relations with Zambia, which are excellent.

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