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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President met with Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore at noon today for 60 minutes. Also attending were Minister of Foreign Affairs Sinnathamby Rajaratnam and Ambassador Ernest Steven Monteiro from Singapore. Secretary Kissinger and Lt. General Scowcroft participated on the American side. The Prime Minister is making an unofficial visit to the United States en route home from the Commonwealth Prime Minister's Conference.

The President and the Prime Minister had a wide-ranging exchange of views on global and Asian foreign policy issues of common concern.

The President reassured the Prime Minister that the reverses in Indochina have in no way weakened U.S. resolve to stand by its allies and friends in Asia and elsewhere. The President also stressed his hopes for continued close cooperation between the U.S. and its allies and friends as we cope with the effects of recent events in Indochina.

The President will host a dinner this evening in honor of Prime Minister and Mrs. Lee.

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