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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President met this morning with the Prime Minister of the Netherlands Johannes den Uyl. This was the first meeting between the two leaders. Both welcomed the opportunity to become acquainted personally, and the meeting provided for a broad-ranging discussion on a number of issues of current importance to the Netherlands and the United States and to the Atlantic Alliance. Netherlands Foreign Minister van der Stoep, Netherlands Ambassador Robert Tammenoms Bakker and the Director General for Political Affairs in the Netherlands Foreign Ministry, Mr. Rutten, participated on the Dutch side. Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft participated on the U. S. side.

As has been the case in the President's previous meetings with leaders of other NATO countries, the President and the Prime Minister had a very useful and positive exchange of views on NATO matters, including the NATO summit to be held in Brussels on May 29-30. Both leaders agreed that the summit would permit a very valuable discussion of the challenges and opportunities before the Alliance and of coordinated steps best suited to the realization of the goals shared by the members of the Alliance. In the context of this discussion, the President and the Prime Minister also reviewed European developments in general, and in relation to the NATO alliance.

Finally, I would note that this morning's discussion included a review of the current international energy situation.

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