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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President will go to the Department of Defense on Tuesday, July 14, to attend a Defense Management Conference. This is an annual session arranged by the Office of Management and Budget to discuss management procedures. In addition to the President, those participating include Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger, Deputy Defense Secretary William Clements, OMB Director James Lynn, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Service Secretaries and other officials of the Department of Defense and OMB. The President's participation in the meeting is to emphasize his intention to increase government attention to better management procedures. The President expressed a preference for holding the meeting at the Pentagon so that he can see the actual working areas of the Department of Defense. He hopes to have meetings of a similar nature in the future with other departments of the Executive Branch.

A travel pool will accompany the President. He will leave the White House at 10:50 a. m. and the meeting will begin at 11:00 a. m. The session is expected to conclude at 12:30 p. m. and the President will return at about 12:30 p. m. Coverage is anticipated only for a brief period at the opening of the meeting. We expect to do a short read out here afterwards.

Nessen will hold his regular briefing at 11:30 a. m.

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