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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President met with Prime Minister Takeo Miki of Japan today at 10:00 a.m. for 80 minutes. Also present were Japanese Ambassador Yasukawa; Mr. Kaifu, Deputy Chief Secretary of the Cabinet; Mr. Kiichi Miyazawa, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Sadaaki Numata, Interpreter; Secretary Kissinger; Ambassador Hodgson, U.S. Ambassador to Japan; General Scowcroft, and James Wickel, Interpreter.

The Prime Minister is making his first official visit to the United States since assuming office. The President and the Prime Minister have looked forward to this latest in the series of periodic high-level meetings between American and Japanese leaders.

This first meeting gave the President the opportunity to reaffirm the importance we attach to our close friendship with Japan. Both leaders hailed the solidarity and the essential contribution to peace of the U.S. -Japan alliance. Together they reviewed the global situation, including the President's recent trip to Europe, security in Asia, recent problems in detente, and arms limitation negotiations.

The President assured the Prime Minister that the Indochina setback has not altered the U.S. intention to continue to play a major role in the maintenance of peace and stability in Asia. The President stressed that the U.S. would stand by its allies and friends in Asia and elsewhere.

The President will host a working dinner this evening for Prime Minister Miki, where they will continue their substantive conversations. The two leaders will have their final meeting tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

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