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Office of the White House Press Secretary
-----NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President met this morning with French Foreign Minister Jean Victor Sauvagnargues who is in the United States for the current session of the United Nations General Assembly. The French Ambassador to the United States Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet accompanied the Foreign Minister; Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft also participated.

This morning's meeting, which lasted 45 minutes, afforded the President the welcome opportunity to continue high-level consultations which he has had with the Government of France over the past year. As you may recall, Foreign Minister Sauvagnargues met with the President almost a year ago to the day, September 28, 1974, when he was here for last year's General Assembly. This year the French Foreign Minister participated in the President's meetings with President Giscard d'Estaing in Helsinki at the time of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In addition to a review of US-French bilateral relations, which both the President and the Foreign Minister agreed are excellent, the meeting this morning focused in part on international economic and energy developments, including the planning that is going ahead for the second session of the Consumer-Producer Preparatory Conference next month and the hope that it would assist in the development of mutually beneficial solutions to a number of problems between developed and developing nations.

The President and the Foreign Minister also devoted a substantial portion of this morning's meeting to a review of the Middle Eastern situation and developments in East-West relations following the Helsinki conference earlier this year.

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