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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President met at noon with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of the Federal Republic of Germany. Chancellor Schmidt is in the United States on a private visit in connection with his October 2 address to the United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce in New York. The West German Ambassador to the United States Berndt von Staden and Dr. Dieter Hiss, Assistant Secretary of the Federal Chancellery, accompanied the Chancellor to the meeting. Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft also participated.

The meeting and working luncheon hosted by the President lasted 2 hours and 40 minutes, and provided a welcome opportunity for the two leaders to continue the close consultations they have had since the Chancellor's official visit here last December. The President and Chancellor Schmidt devoted considerable attention to international financial issues and related economic subjects as part of their overall review of issues of interest to the two countries.

The President and Chancellor Schmidt continued their discussions of issues of current importance to the Atlantic Alliance, including the problems of the Southern Flank.

The President and the Chancellor also reviewed the Middle Eastern situation and developments in East-West relations since the Helsinki Conference earlier this year.

This is the fifth meeting between the two men since the Chancellor's visit last December. They met at the NATO Summit in Brussels in May, during the President's visit to West Germany in July, and at the CSCE Conference in Helsinki.

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