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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President met with the Secretary General of the OAS, Alejandro Orfila, this afternoon at 4:00 p.m., for about 40 minutes. U. S. Ambassador to the OAS William Mailliard and General Scowcroft also attended. The President and Mr. Orfila reviewed Hemispheric affairs generally and particularly the role of the OAS.

The Secretary General also mentioned the Panama Canal negotiations and reported to the President the support being given by the members of the OAS for a successful conclusion to these negotiations.

He brought up the Trade Act and the desire of the OAS nations that generalized preferences be extended to as broad a list of products as possible. He expressed his hope that the blanket exclusion of OPEC members would be modified. The President assured the Secretary General of his strong interest in Hemispheric affairs and full support for the OAS.

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