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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President met this morning with King Olav V of Norway for 40 minutes. Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft attended on the American side and Foreign Minister Frydenlund attended with the King.

The President warmly welcomes King Olav V to the United States on the occasion of celebrations commemorating the 150th anniversary of organized Norwegian emigration to this country. King Olav's visit, on this occasion as in the past, serves to underscore the continuing close and very cordial relations between our two countries.

The sesquicentennial celebration of Norwegian emigration to the United States, highlighted by King Olav's visit, is an occasion of deep pride for all Americans. As the President said in his message of July third commemorating the anniversary: "This event, which happily coincides with the period in which we celebrate two hundred years of national independence, stirs in all of us a keener appreciation of the remarkable contributions that Americans of Norwegian ancestry have made to our country's dynamic growth and development."

The descendants of these sturdy Norwegian emigrants and all Americans are honored by King Olav's visit. The President is confident that His Majesty's stay in the United States will add greatly to the already strong ties that bind our two nations together.

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