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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President and President Giscard d'Estaing continued their discussions this morning meeting for 90 minutes in the Oval Office. Today's talks ranged over a number of issues. The need for careful attention to international economic issues was discussed, and the two Presidents agreed on the need to continue the kind of cooperation developed at the Rambouillet Summit last fall in this new stage of the world's economic development.

President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaing reviewed some of the key issues currently under discussion at the UNCTAD Conference in Nairobi, including the issues of commodities and natural resources, financial problems, technology transfer and the problems of the poorest countries.

This morning's meeting also included a review of international developments, including current developments in Lebanon and the Middle East. The two Presidents discussed the subject of nuclear safeguards and non-proliferation, and their discussion concluded with a general review of the current highly satisfactory state of U. S. /French relations. This morning's meeting was very cordial in tone, and the two Presidents agreed that they enjoyed a parallelism of views throughout their discussions.

President Ford will attend a dinner hosted by President Giscard d'Estaing at the French Embassy this evening. Tomorrow evening, the two Presidents will go to Mount Vernon for the presentation of France's Bicentennial gift of the "sound and light" display.

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