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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President met with President Jaafar Nimeiri of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan in the Oval Office today at 10:35 a. m. for 40 minutes. Also attending the meeting on the Sudanese side were Minister of Education Mansour Khalid and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Francis Deng. Brent Scowcroft and Acting Secretary of State Robinson attended on the American side.

The President expressed pleasure in this first personal meeting with President Nimeiri who is making a private visit to the U.S. The meeting afforded the opportunity for an exchange of views on matters concerning Africa and the Middle East as well as bilateral relations between the Sudan and the United States. The President also thanked President Nimeiri for the successful efforts by the Government of Sudan which helped secure the release of our five American citizens that had been detained in Eritrea. The President feels that President Nimeiri is a constructive force for peace and stability in both the Arab and African worlds. He wished President Nimeiri every success in his travels which will take him to eight different states.

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