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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

Prime Minister Miki of Japan is paying a private visit to Washington, following his participation in the Economic Summit in Puerto Rico.

President Ford and Prime Minister Miki met at 10:30 a.m. for 67 minutes this morning in the Oval Office. Secretary of State Kissinger, Assistant for National Security Affairs, Brent Scowcroft, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Phillip Habib, and US Ambassador to Japan James D. Hodgson were also present. With the Prime Minister were Ambassador Togo, Foreign Minister Miyazawa, and Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Kaifu.

The President and the Prime Minister, who had recently met at the Economic Summit in San Juan reviewed the international situation, discussed a broad range of multilateral and bilateral issues and major political and security questions, and discussed the American Bicentennial celebration and its significance.

During the meeting Prime Minister Miki presented President Ford with a message of congratulations from the Japanese people on the occasion of the Bicentennial.

President Ford will host a luncheon for the Prime Minister and his party at 1:00 p.m. today.

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