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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt had a second round of discussions in the Oval Office this morning. FRG Foreign Minister Genscher, Dr. Jurgen Ruhfus, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Federal Chancellery, Secretary of State Kissinger and Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Brent Scowcroft again participated in today's meeting which lasted 90 minutes.

President Ford and Chancellor Schmidt devoted a considerable portion of this morning's meeting to a review of specific matters of current bilateral interest to the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany. They agreed that U. S.-FRG bilateral relations are excellent. The two leaders continued yesterday's discussions on the subject of cooperation between the developed and developing nations, and in this context they discussed current African developments.

This morning's meeting also included a review of East-West relations as well as a discussion of the current status of the SALT and MBFR negotiations. Finally, they discussed issues relating to the 1975 Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the President and the Chancellor agreed on the importance that both the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany attach to implementation of the CSCE documents.

President Ford will attend a reception hosted by Chancellor Schmidt aboard the German sail training ship GORCH FOCK in Baltimore this evening.

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