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Office of the White House Press Secretary
-----NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President and His Royal Highness, Prince Saud Bin Faisal Al-Saud, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia, met in the Oval Office today at 11:00 a.m. for 45 minutes. Also attending the meeting on the American side were Acting Secretary of State Charles Robinson, Brent Scowcroft, and Ambassador William Porter; and on the Saudi Arabian side, Ambassador Ali Abdallah Alireza and Mr. Hassan Shawwaf.

The President expressed his warm pleasure in meeting once again with His Royal Highness in the spirit of the long-standing and warm ties between the United States and Saudi Arabia. The President and Prince Saud discussed a number of issues of common interest, including hopes for a peaceful resolution of the situation in Lebanon and a final peace settlement in the Middle East. The President reaffirmed that the United States will continue to play an active role in helping achieve further progress in the Middle East negotiations as it has in the past. He expressed appreciation for the constructive role which Saudi Arabia has played in working for peace in the Middle East. The President also affirmed his intention to continue to work closely with Saudi Arabia to improve the world economic situation and the dialogue between industrialized and developing countries.

The President asked that his greetings be conveyed to His Majesty King Khalid, noting his admiration for His Majesty's wise leadership and the important role that Saudi Arabia plays in regional and international issues.

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