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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Ford and President William R. Tolbert, Jr., of Liberia met today for an exchange of views on African and world issues. The meeting between the two leaders lasted approximately one hour.

In keeping with the close relations between the U.S. and Liberia the meeting between the two Presidents was extremely cordial. Their discussions covered a wide range of topics including the situation and current diplomacy in Southern Africa and the state of Liberian-American relations. There was a review of American economic assistance to Liberia, and both Presidents expressed their satisfaction with the close ties existing between the United States and Liberia and pledged to work for their further strengthening.

Tonight, President and Mrs. Ford will give a State Dinner in honor of the Liberian President and First Lady.

President Tolbert will be in Washington, D. C. at Blair House for four days and then he will visit Atlanta, Philadelphia, and New York City, before his departure on October 2.

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