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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President's meeting with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson was very cordial in tone and provided a timely exchange of views on a number of subjects of interest to the two leaders. The Prime Minister is in the United States enroute home from the Commonwealth Summit in Kingston, Jamaica. He was accompanied in today's meeting which lasted one hour, by Foreign Secretary James Callaghan, Ambassador Peter Ramsbotham, and Sir John Hunt, Secretary of the Cabinet. Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft participated on the U.S. side.

The President and the Prime Minister discussed a number of issues of current importance to the Atlantic Alliance, including the NATO Summit scheduled for Brussels at the end of this month. Both leaders agreed that the summit will provide an important occasion for consultations among the members of the Alliance and to review challenges facing the Alliance. The Summit also will provide for a stocktaking aimed at ensuring the strength of the common defense and a chance to discuss concerted actions toward the attainment of Alliance goals.

Today's talks also included issues of international interest, including energy and commodities, and an assessment of current international political developments, including those in the Middle East.

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