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## NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President met for 60 minutes today with Luxembourg Prime Minister Gaston Thorn, who came to Washington from New York where he is presiding over the 30th session of the United Nations General Assembly. Mr. Thorn's meeting, however, was in his capacity as Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Luxembourg. Luxembourg Ambassador Meisch, Secretary General Pierre Wurth of the Luxembourg Foreign Ministry, Secretary of State Kissinger and Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft participated in today's meeting.

The President and the Prime Minister previously met last May during the NATO Summit Conference in Brussels. Today's meeting provided a welcome occasion for them to continue their discussions on bilateral issues and international issues of interest to the United States and Luxembourg. They noted the excellent relations between the United States and Luxembourg and the fact that there are no bilateral problems of any significance.

The two leaders had a very useful and positive exchange of views on NATO developments since this year's summit, and they agreed on the importance of close and continuing consultations among members of the Alliance on matters of mutual interest. The President and Prime Minister Thorn discussed a number of international issues, including economic and energy developments and Middle Eastern developments.

In addition, today's meeting also involved a review of developments in the current session of the United Nations General Assembly, US-EC consultations, and East-West issues including the force reduction talks in Vienna.

The President will host a working dinner for the Prime Minister this evening in the White House.