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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The Chinese government will issue the following statement concerning the meeting between President Ford and Chairman Mao:

Peking, December 2, 1975 (Hsinhua) --

Chairman Mao Tsetung this afternoon met with President Gerald R. Ford of the United States of America, Mrs. Betty Ford and members of President Ford's party.

The members of President Ford's party who took part in the meeting were Susan Ford, daughter of the President; Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State; George Bush, Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in China; Brent T. Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; Joseph J. Sisco, Under-secretary of State; Phillip Habib, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Winston Lord, Director of the State Department Policy Planning Staff; and Richard Solomon, Senior Staff member on the National Security Council.

After shaking hands with each of the American guests, Chairman Mao had earnest and significant discussions with President Ford on wide-ranging issues in a friendly atmosphere. Taking part in the discussions on the American side were Henry A. Kissinger, George Bush, Brent T. Scowcroft and Winston Lord.

Taking part in the meeting and discussions on the Chinese side were Teng Hsiao-ping and Li Hsien-nien, Vice-Premiers; Chiao Kuan-hua, Foreign Minister; Huang Chen, Chief of the Liaison Office of China in the United States; Wang Hai-jung, Vice Foreign Minister; and Tang Wen-sheng and Chang Han-chih, Deputy Department Directors of the Foreign Ministry.

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