

Nixon Talks With Saudi Official

Washington

President Nixon and a high-ranking Saudi Arabian prince laid groundwork for improved relations yesterday just six days before Mr. Nixon is to begin a five-nation Middle East tour.

The meeting came as a sequel to intensive American peacemaking efforts in the Middle East following the October Arab-Israeli war.

The visitor for a 40-minute Oval Office meeting and subsequent luncheon was Prince Fahd, Saudi Arabia's interior minister and second deputy prime minister.

A White House spokesman said the discussions "covered a wide range of topics."

The two nations said in April that they wanted to expand cooperation in economic, industrial, scientific and



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technological fields, including Saudi Arabian defense requirements.

Saudi Arabia is one of the five countries on Mr. Nixon's itinerary for his June 12 to 18 Mideast visit. The others are Egypt, Israel, Syria and Jordan.

Oil supplies are a major topic of interest between the two nations.

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