

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and
Assistant to the President for National Security
Affairs
Mr. Russell McClure, AID
Mr. Herman Kleine, AID
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to
the President for National Security Affairs

DATE & TIME: Monday - October 7, 1974
9:55 a. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

SUBJECT: Honduran Relief

President: We are pleased to get the report of your mission.

[Kleine passes around the report. The press leaves.]

Kleine: Honduras has only 10 percent arable land and that is the area that was destroyed. It will take two years for the banana to grow again -- Honduras is a banana republic. The seas are backing up and 25 inches of rain just inundated the crop area.

President: What was the loss of life?

Kleine: Anywhere from 2 to 20 thousand. We'll never know. The disaster relief effort was quite good. It is the best developed country in the area.

President: What are we doing now?

Kleine: We are supporting them in health and sanitation. We had great help from private agencies.

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McClure: There was great outpouring of voluntary groups. The banana companies are shipping it free.

Murphy: We have no money until the continuing resolution is passed. Burke has an Amendment for \$15 million for Bangladesh, Cyprus and Honduras. That should pass. It gives authority -- but no additional funds. Our funds for this purpose for a whole year were exhausted by 30 September. The Aid bill contains authority to use loans. That will help.

President: How much is needed?

Murphy: We can't say now. It will take a lot.

Kleine: We hope to get by until we can get some more funds.

President: We need to get others involved.

Kleine: General _____ asked us to express his thanks.



P/ ~~Labrador~~ Father John
Father Kabois (R/K) Karlogis

P/ Honduras Disaster
Relief Team/K
(3 people)

Prison

1 Oct

P We pleased to get report of your mission
(~~CR~~ CR kin passes report)

Press out

RR H has only 10% arable land & that is over degraded.
Will take 2 yrs for recovery - Humidity is from
upst.

The stress backing up 2.5" of rain just inundated
a crop area.

P What was loss of life

RR Anywhere from 2 to 20 thousands. Have known,
The disaster effect quite good. It is most shaped country
in area.

P What are doing now.

RR Supporting team in health & sanitation. Had just
help from private agencies.

RR Great outpouring of voluntary groups. Banana
companies are shipping it free

RR We have no money until CR is passed. Board
has agreed for \$15 mil for Bouyea, Cyprus, Hond.
That should pass. Give authority - no add'l. funds.
Some funds for this project for whole year are allocated
by CR Syst. and will continue authority to use those
refunds. That will help

P How much needed

RR Cost very low, Total a lot.

RR Hope to get by until we can get some more funds

P Get others involved

RR Good - asked to express thanks.

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