

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Elliot Richardson, Ambassador to the Court
of St. James's, Great Britain
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State
and Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Thursday - February 27, 1975
10:13 - 10:31 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

[The press was admitted for photographs, while there was small talk about the President's golf match and tennis. The press was then dismissed]

President: Everything went well on the Hill with your confirmation.

Richardson: There was no substance discussed. There was some talk that the Ambassador shouldn't have to spend out of pocket to keep up the Embassy.

President: You should have that inscribed.

Richardson: I told Clark and Cederberg I might be back to them.

President: Did Annenberg spend a lot?

Richardson: He spent about \$250,000 a year out of his pocket.

Kissinger: He entertained lavishly. We had a little problem getting him to invite non-titled people. [Laughter]

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President: You had better do better.

Richardson: I will change that. I want to get to the labor unions as well as the Labour politicians.

President: Is it good that Maudling is getting back in [the Shadow Cabinet] ?

Kissinger: He is a nice man. He's a friend of ours. Heath is the only post-war British leader who was indifferent to the U.S. The present government has emotional ties to us, as do Maudling and Mrs. Thatcher. She is a great gal, but she is not experienced at all in foreign policy.

Richardson: I met her when I was at HEW. She had the Education Department. She's very crisp and intelligent.

Kissinger: Right now the Conservative Party is 4 points ahead in the polls. She says she is determined to make a choice acceptable.

President: That wage increase there was dreadful.

Kissinger: Thirty-three percent, and that on top of 18% the year before. It is okay for Elliot to meet with the labor leaders, but many of them are Communist.

Richardson: The question is how I can go about strengthening the good labor leaders and understanding the movement and the people.

Kissinger: The unions finance the Labour Party and there is always a fight at the Labour Party Conference for Wilson to keep control and prevent disastrous programs.

President: It seems to me they are gambling heavily on North Sea oil.

Kissinger: Most experts think it is so heavily mortgaged that it will be the late 80's before it really helps.

Richardson: That is another area where it is not clear what I can do, but I need to understand the problems and their point of view.

President: I hear they are trying to drive a hard bargain with the companies and some of them are resisting participation.



Richardson: Yes, but I think if they were assured the contract would last through the 80's they would be okay. But many of them have been working hard since the early 60's and the contract terms have eroded badly. They don't have much faith.

President: Do those contracts have some binding nature as in the U.S. ?

Richardson: That is a good question. We discussed how you protect liquidating costs to protect against a new government coming in.

President: I notice the Mexican government is putting feelers out -- their find seems to be expanding.

When are you leaving ?

Richardson: I am going by way of the Bahamas. I am going to London on Monday.

I appreciate this opportunity to be of service to your Administration and I hope to be of service. Despite all the speculation, I do what I do for the sake of the job, not because of any future prospects.

President: You handled Agronsky very well. I want you to go there and handle it in the strong high-level way you have at State, HEW and Justice. No one knows the future.



✓ P/Richardson/K

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10¹³ - 10³¹ a.m.

R I have just been watching Felix I had had
(Pursuing)
(Some discussion of P's golf matches & tennis)
(Pursued)

P Everything went well on Hall w/ your conference

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to spend out of pocket.

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P Did Cedarberg spend a lot.

R About 250 over/you out of his pocket.

K He entertained luxuriously, a little just getting
him to invite over-titled people (hangs)

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OK for E to get next labor contract, but
many are smart.

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& good labor leaders & mechanical movement
& people.

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K The Union favored a party & there is always a fight at a labor camp for workers to keep control & prevent deactivation prog.

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P Do these ^{workers} have some banking relations in US?

R That good question. We discussed how you protect by identifying assets to protect against a new govt coming in.

P I notice they put federal out - then find seems to me & pushing when you leaving

R Going by way of Bahamas - harder on bank

R I appreciate the opportunity to be of service to your Admin & hope to be of service. ^{up to} I do what I do for each of a job not because of any future projects

P You know handled Aquino very well. I want you to get that & handle it in a strong book level every year have at State, H&H

Tell Larry - Spiro - Keep lunch at 10 am

Justice, 2nd man factory