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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: The President
PRC Ambassador Huang Chen
Mr. Chi Ch'ao-chu, PRC Liaison Office
Secretary Kissinger
General Scowcroft

DATE & TIME: August 9, 1974
5:25 p. m. - 5:40 p. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Huang Chen: Congratulations on your elevation to this high post.

President: We would like some pictures, if you don't object.

Huang Chen: Fine.

Kissinger: The Ambassador gave me a dinner last Monday and I have just started eating again.

[There was a photo session.]

President: I should think they would run out of film.

I had a delightful trip in 1972 to your country with Congressman Boggs.

Huang Chen: I know about that fine trip. You received the welcome of the Chinese people.

President: We traveled in the Manchuria area. It reminded me of the area I am from. The warmth of the people was remarkable.

Huang Chen: You visited other places.

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President: Yes, Canton and Peking. Bad weather forced us back from some cities we had planned to visit.

Huang Chen: When were you there?

President: We left the last part of June and were in Canton on the Fourth of July -- a time of big celebrations here in the U. S.

We believe in and are committed to the things President Nixon and Secretary Kissinger have done with your Government.

Huang Chen: I was very pleased to read the President's letter to Chairman Mao.

President: I was going to mention that. We strongly believe the new relationship is a big step forward for us and we hope for your country.

Huang Chen: President Nixon's contribution in visiting China and the Shanghai Communique was very significant and we will not forget that. We appreciate your carrying out the Shanghai Communique and we will keep operating on that same basis. I am glad you visited our country with Boggs. Senator Mansfield and other Congressional groups have also visited. I hope our relations will continue to follow the basis of the Shanghai Communique. I remember with pleasure the opportunity I had to call on you shortly after I arrived here and when you were Minority Leader. You told me then that the President's policy toward us had bipartisan support. I believe that.

President: It has that support because it is in the cause of peace and the American people look forward to the strengthening of that relationship. We won't let our relations with anyone else disturb or destroy our new relationship.

Huang Chen: We appreciate that.

President: Shenyang is a place we visited that I enjoyed very much. What is the steel town about 60 miles away?

Huang Chen: Anshan.

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President: Yes. I hope we can see each other personally and maintain control through the Secretary, and work together in the cause of peace.

Huang Chen: I have the same wishes.

President: I hope you like it better here than Paris, where I understand you were before coming here.

Huang Chen: I am very pleased to be working in Washington. I am very pleased you received me on such a busy day.

Please extend Mrs. Huang's best wishes to Mrs. Ford.

President: Mrs. Ford visited her in her home. It was very pleasant.

Huang Chen: Mrs. Huang would like to pay a courtesy call on Mrs. Ford.

President: By all means. Thank you for coming and for your good wishes.

