

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
NATO Parliamentarians
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the
President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: September 18, 1974
5:30 - 5:35 p.m.

PLACE: Oval Office
The White House

[The President shook hands with each. Then they all stood for a group picture.]

President: I just returned from giving a speech to the UN. The first chairman was Truman and every President since then has addressed the UN. It is of vital importance that the United States restate our dedication to our alliances as well as to our new efforts. We will maintain our new relationship with the People's Republic of China, and our broadened relationship with the Soviet Union, and our new steps with the Middle East, Africa, and so on.

Secretary Kissinger, you know, helped to organize the World Food Conference. We have worked hard at providing food over the years for the world. This year we had a good crop--though we are a little short in feed grains--and we will increase our food contribution. Thus I make the point that food suppliers like us have to act in cooperation with the oil suppliers because too high prices are harmful to all. We have to see a world of interdependence, not narrow nationalism. I said that we support the UN, that we believe the world is interdependent, and we are dedicated to a food supply at a reasonable price and a constructive relationship with oil producers. We must approach inflation on a joint, not a unilateral basis.

I hope we can work together with you, the consumers, not on a competitive basis, but to meet any emergency ahead. We must work together to face the problems.

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Response: We are pleased you have reaffirmed the doctrines of U.S. policy. We have been meeting together for three days to talk together. We have developed a perspective on our concertation. Our vision of Europe is a Europe of friendship with the United States.

President: I myself was a parliamentarian. I am not used to being an executive. I know our systems are somewhat different but we are all dedicated to democracy.

Good luck to each of you.



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Just returned from speech @ UN. 1st time since ~~turn~~ turn & everyone since has got initial impression that US estate are dedicated to our alliance to our own effects - ^{we} ally w/ PKC, break w/ SU, new steps w/ NE Africa, etc.

I helped ~~it~~ organize food corp. we have worked hard at providing food since you see world, this year we had a good crop - a little short in feed grains - and we will increase our food contribution. Turn I much point that food suppliers like us have a lot in crop w/out any price because too high prices are harmful & all. We have seen a world of interdependence, not narrow nation. I said you say part of UN, believe world united & we dedicated to food supply at reasonable price, & relationship w/ oil producers. We must approach inflation on a joint, not unilateral basis. Hope we can work together w/ you, Europeans, not an competition basis, but to meet any emergency ahead.

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