

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
 Amb. Talcott Seelye, Special Representative
 to Lebanon
~~Peter W. Rodman~~, NSC Staff
 Brent Schwartz

DATE AND TIME: Monday, June 21, 1976
 2:04 - 2:10

PLACE: The Oval Office

President: I appreciate your taking on this assignment.

Seelye: It is a challenging job.

President: I was looking at some of the weekend summaries. CBS did a good job yesterday - piecing together cuts of the task force, the landing boat, and so on. You are practically going back home.

Seelye: I was born there. [Described his personal situation.]

President: I wish we could terminate this right away but it doesn't look this way.

Seelye: I think it will go on this way for a long time.

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Free Halcott Seelie (Ank. - Desig. to Lebanon)
2⁰⁴ - 2¹⁶ pm, Mon, 6/21/56

P I appreciate your taking on this agent.

S It's a challenging job

P I was looking at some of the work you summarized.

CBS did a good job yesterday - placing cuts
of a tank panel, a landing boat, and so on.

You are practically going back to work.

S I was born there. (Described his personal life.)

P I wish we could terminate this report away but
it doesn't look this way

S I think it will go on this way for a long time.

