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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Henry Cabot Lodge, Presidential Emissary to
the Holy See
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 4, 1977
4:00 - 4:16 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Lodge: I will only take a minute because I know you are busy. I met with the Pope and wanted to read you a part of what he said about you.

He said: "He will always think of President Ford not only as a man who is warm and sincere, but as a man with a great reservoir of common sense."

President: That means a great deal to me.

Lodge: Cardinal _____ said to me that Italy is on the brink and we must do everything possible to prevent the Communists from taking over.

President: We are doing what we can.

Lodge: I expect that next year the Pope will raise the question of the internationalization of Jerusalem. We have thus far prevented it being raised because it is so thorny. But I don't know what will happen if he does it now.

President: Who would internationalization be most troublesome to?

Scowcroft: The Israelis. They have moved the capital there, though we haven't recognized it. They will never give it up.



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Lodge: Well, I won't keep you.

President: Relax. How have you been?

[Discussion of Senator Vandenberg and the early days of support for Eisenhower in 1951-52.]



P/O H.C. Lodge

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L I will only take a minute cause I know you busy. I haven't w/c Lopez + wanted to send you a part of what he said about you
He said: He will always think of PK not only as a man who is warm + ^{sympathetic} but also a man w/a great reservoir of common sense.

P That means a great deal to me.

L Cardinal - said to me ~~at least~~ that Italy is our link + we must do everything possible to prevent Castro from taking over.

P We are doing what we can.

L I expect that next year Lopez will raise a question of jurisdiction. We have thus far prevented it being raised because it is so thorny. But I don't know what will happen if he does it now.

P who would ~~it~~ initialization be most troublesome?

S The I. They have moved a capital there, then we haven't recog. it. They will never give it up.

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Discussion of Sen. Vandenberg + the early days of support for Eisenhower in 1957-52

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