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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1974

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PLACE: OEOB  
TIME: 2:10 p.m.  
DATE: January 23, 1974

SUBJECT: Call On the Vice President by V. John Krehbiel,  
United States Ambassador to Finland

PARTICIPANTS: The Vice President  
Commander Kerr *[Signature]*  
Ambassador V. John Krehbiel

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After an exchange of pleasantries the Ambassador stated that he was working to increase trade between Finland and the United States and emphasized the well-planned and tightly controlled economic system in Finland. He pointed out that to satisfy their long-range energy needs they intend to rely on nuclear power, and that the US was currently selling them nuclear technology for the development of these systems. He stated that the products that the Fins would most like to sell in volume to the US was paper and finished wood.

Ambassador Krehbiel then assured the Vice President of the Finnish friendship to the US and stated that the President's efforts in the field of detente had received enthusiastic support from the Finnish Government and people. He pointed out that the term "Finlandization" was a badly misused term by today's diplomats, pointing out that Finland's proximity to the Soviet Union requires that they negotiate with the Soviet Union on a range of issues. He also opined that the Russian people had a great fondness for the United States, but that they were hooked on their system which prevented closer ties between our two countries.

Ambassador Krehbiel then inquired as to how well the President was bearing up in the current environment. The Vice President assured him that the President was strong physically and mentally and he restated his strong support for the President.