



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1974

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PLACE: EOB Office
TIME: 10:15 a.m.
DATE: March 20, 1974

SUBJECT: Meeting with Linwood Holton, Assistant Secretary of State

PARTICIPANTS: The Vice President
Mr. Marsh

Linwood Holton

The Vice President met with Assistant Secretary of State Linwood Holton on a courtesy call at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Holton indicated regret that the problem of Vietnam funding was not discussed at the Kissinger-House Leadership breakfast this morning. He also raised the question of the possibility of encouraging Peter Frelinghuysen to reconsider his decision to retire. However, the Vice President indicated that because of a conference he had with Frelinghuysen he could not become involved in such an effort and asked Holton that if he pursued the matter he not indicate that it was discussed with the Vice President. The Vice President indicated that the nature of the conversation he had with the Congressman was of such a personal nature that he could not become involved, although he hated to see him leave the Congress.

Holton indicated that he had been offered Ambassadorial posts in NATO and Sweden but had declined largely because of his desire to devote more time to his children as well as feeling that the Assistant Secretary post was more meaningful.

Holton spoke briefly about 1976 and that in the Presidential campaign there were three good candidates who identified with the Congress, i.e., The Vice President, Rockefeller, and Reagan. He felt this was a very vital need which these three ably met.

Holton inquired whether he could be of any assistance to the Vice President who responded by asking his assistance on State Department appointments for Shafer, John Lodge, and Feldman. The latter was not seeking an Ambassadorial post but would like to serve on some commission or committee.

Prepared by  Mr. Marsh