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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Vice President Rockefeller
Secretary Kissinger
General Scowcroft

DATE AND TIME: Monday, May 26, 1975

PLACE: The Oval Office

Vice President: I am shaking hands for the photographers. I was a photographer for the Harvard Pictorial and I collect cameras.

[There was further small talk].

President: Go ahead.

Vice President: You and I have never talked philosophy. Fate has put you in the position where you not only are the hope of the Republic, but of free enterprise and the free world. That is why I was happy to come aboard.

I inherited my grandfather's instinct for business and spent 10 years in it. I held the family together, kept the wealth and respect of the family.

I ran into the Communists in the 30's. I was at the Lincoln School of teachers. The Communists wanted to destroy the school and I wanted to keep it. I got beat, but I saw how the Communists work. I said later there is no God-given right of private property, but that it had to be earned. They called me a Communist, but with a year the Mexicans had expropriated the oil fields. I went down and argued over 49-51%

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ownership. They wouldn't give because it was a matter of pride. I went to Roosevelt about it because I thought we had to meet those countries' concerns. That is how I got into government. At the San Francisco Conference we forced acceptance of Article 51 of the UN Charter because we had an alliance with Latin America, largely because I had worked with them. Alger Hiss and Leo Pazvolsky opposed me. I didn't dare tell Stettinius. They thought I was a fascist because I wanted Argentina in the United Nations.

The next issue was Ike. Truman had been terrific. Ike was dominated by Humphrey and Dulles. Humphrey was very conservative. I got together a group -- which included Henry -- to get some concept which would appeal to the hope of the world. We came up with Open Skies. They decided not to use it, but each other country had a plan so they had to call for me and Ike made the speech.

The war saved Roosevelt's program which otherwise would have been a disaster.

Now we don't have a war to bail us out. The Communists run a third of the world and much of the rest is Fabian socialist. I set up the Critical Choices group because we are running out of raw materials and getting the Club of Rome syndrome of no growth and ecology. We have the oil boycott, the food shortage, the recession, unemployment -- and no war to pull us out. But God has given us a break. With higher prices we can pull ourselves out if we have a goal. You gave us one with energy self-sufficiency. We have a left-wing Congress dominated by Burton. If by 1976 private enterprise has not pulled us out, they will say it has failed and we would go the way of Britain.

Kissinger: This is why the 1976 election is so crucial.

Vice President: Doesn't matter who is the Democratic nominee. Burton is a Communist.

[The President and Vice President then conferred alone.]



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