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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford Ambassador Upadit Pachariyangkhun, Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to President for National Security Affairs Amb. Henry E. Catto, Jr., Chief of Protocol Robert H. Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

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[There was small talk about Washington while the press was present. The press then left.]

The President: Have you been posted here before?

Upadit: Yes. I was at the UN from '64 through '66. I was also here in '45.

The President: We deeply regret the incident last January. We sincerely hope it won't happen again and we apologize to you and your family.

<u>Upadit:</u> I am not too concerned. It could have been kids. The police can't find a motive, but they still are looking.

<u>The President</u>: We are pleased with the agreement we are working out for our bases. We think the figure of 3,000 is about right.

<u>Upadit</u>: Yes. We think so too. Now that the Vietnamese war is over, we think there should be peace in the region. In the ASEAN, we have the idea to make the area a zone of peace.

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The President: Thailand could do much to make that concept a reality and we would wholeheartedly support it. We certainly support the countries and their independence and boundaries.

<u>Upadit</u>: We know that. Your country has always given us support and aid. That is why we entertain close feelings of friendship with the United States.

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The President: We have a great feeling of attachment to your country.



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