

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Jules Leger, Governor General of Canada
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
Amb. Jack Hamilton Warren, Ambassador of
Canada
Clement Conger, White House Curator
Mrs. Jules Leger

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 8, 1976
5:55 - 6:10 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

President: I understand you have been on a tour of the White House. Mr. Conger is the best possible guide.

[The press was admitted briefly for photographs. There was small talk, partly about Ambassador Enders in Ottawa. The press was ushered out.]

President: I think our problems with Canada are minimal.

Warren: We will always have some irritants.

President: Our son Steve is going to the Calgary Stampede. He is the best representative for that kind of act.

Leger: That is good news. That is a bicentennial event this year.

President: Steve will be there. His mother will worry if he gets on a wild horse.

Leger: I hope you will be coming to Ottawa to plant a tree -- every President does it.

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President: The last time Mrs. Ford and I were there was at the time of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Mrs. Leger: I am here to pick Mr. Conger's brains on how you can have so much beauty in the White House, and to see friends.

Warren: And swim in our pool.

Mrs. Leger: Is it heated?

Warren: Yes.

President: Do you have a cover?

[Describes the cover on the White House pool]

Mrs. Leger: The bubble covers are ugly things.

President: I swim a quarter mile every day. That is 24 lengths.

Leger: And you do it every day! That is good news for the world.

Warren: The Legers are going down to South Carolina after they leave here. I hear Susan is going down.

President: Yes. My brother lives down there. They like it very much. How long will you be there?

Leger: One week.

President: It is a great time of the year.

Conger: They are going to Williamsburg also.

President: I hope to do that after November. It used to be that the nomination was done by the professionals. Now that we have open primaries, it is much more work and the pros don't have much influence.



P/Govern General Leger 5:55-6:10 pm
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P I understand you have been on a tour of W.H.
The Centre is a best possible guide
(Pers in
Small talk - partly about E. and H.)
(Pers out)

P I think our jobs w/ Canada are minimal

W We will always have some interests

P Our new Staff is going to - Calgary straight.
He is a best rep. of that kind of fact.

L That is good news, that is a bicentennial
event this year.

P There will be three - it is another world every
if targets on a world house.

L I hope you will be coming to Ottawa to plant
a tree. Every P. U. does it.

P Last time was F - I covered that area at time
of St Lawrence Seminary.

W I can well to pick Gungles brains even now
you can have so ~~many~~ much beauty in
W.H. + to see friends.

W And some in our part.

Wish it heated

W Yes

P Do you have a cover?

(Describes a cover on a W.H. part)

Wish The double covers are exactly things.

P I see you're 1/4 mile every day. That is 24
lengths.

L And you do it every day! That is good news
for a whole world.

W The layers are going down to S.C. after they
have been - to Seneca. I have seen



is going down.

P Yes, my brother has done them. They like it very much. How long will you be there

L One week.

P It is a great time for you

L They going to Warrington also

P I hope to be that after two. It would be that a course was done by a prof. Now that we have open universities, it is much more work & a prof. don't have much influence

