

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Carlos P. Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs,
The Philippines
Secretary Kissinger
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
Amb. Eduardo Romualdez, Philippine Ambassador
Juan Ponce Enrile, Secretary of Defense
Amb. Philip C. Habib, Assistant Secretary of
State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Amb. William H. Sullivan, US Ambassador to the
Philippines

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 13, 1976
11:08 - 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

[The press enters and takes photographs. There is discussion of the President's wartime experience in the Philippines. The press departs.]

Romulo: I have been asked by the President to express his greetings, and he hopes for a successful negotiation.

The President: Please convey my greetings to the President and Mrs. Marcos and my thanks for a marvelous greeting and my visit. I am going to return to play golf sometime.

Romulo: The President asked us not to do anything which would interfere with your reelection.

The President: That is very thoughtful.

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Kissinger: We have given the Foreign Secretary a draft. We will meet again in June and I thought we could wrap it up in August when I am on my way back from Anzus.

Romulo: A Star reporter asked me about Secretary Kissinger and I said I have known every Secretary of State from Cordell Hull and Secretary Kissinger is the best.

The President: I agree completely.

Romulo: They wanted to quote me and I said if it is not interfering in your internal politics. But they are making Secretary Kissinger an issue.

The President: That is fine because I think we have a fine foreign policy and I am happy to defend it. Henry is more popular than I am.

Romulo: Texas is important, isn't it?

The President: That is a tough fight. [He describes the Texas primary system.]

Romulo: Your decided advantage is that there is no Democratic opponent.

The President: I think the candidate will be Humphrey unless Carter wins in Pennsylvania.

Romulo: His "ethnic purity" comment may hurt.

The President: We will see what effect it has with the Blacks in Philadelphia. It could make him or break him. It was a very bad label he used. The problem is bad enough without an emotional label like that.

Romulo: I was here when you were sworn in. Fishbait Miller found me a seat.

The President: He always could. He is not there anymore. [He described some of the changes in the House organization.]

I really enjoyed our trip last December.

Romulo: We will resume negotiations in June and finish it up in August -- in time for your election in November.

The President: Yes. We have that and the others with Greece and Turkey and Spain. It should show what we are about and set things in place.

Romulo: It will be a feather in your cap.

The President: Don't be too hard on me.

Romulo: We won't be at all. We will work everything out in our common interest.

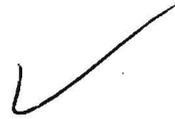
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P/Romulo / K

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