



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DATE: January 22, 1974  
PLACE: OEOB Office  
TIME: 7:45 a.m.

SUBJECT: Call on the Vice President by Ambassador  
Henry Cabot Lodge

PARTICIPANTS:

The Vice President  
General Dunn

Ambassador Lodge

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After an exchange of pleasantries, Ambassador Lodge suggested that the Vice President visit the Vatican as soon as possible. He emphasized that such a visit would be most helpful with regard to solidification of his own position and would reassure the Vatican Secretariat that the United States values the relationship. He spoke of Vatican helpfulness in the past with regard to obtaining mail for our POWs in North Vietnam and also in prevention of import of drugs, especially in France. He also emphasized the fact that the Vatican connection is very pleasing to American Roman Catholics and thus adds an additional dividend domestically.