MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Nixon
               Mr. & Mrs. Edson Arantes do Nascimento (Pele), Brazilian soccer star
               Major General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, May 8, 1973
               12:30 - 12:40 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: You are the greatest in the world.
Pele: [Gave the President a clipping from Sao Paolo.]
[The press entered at 12:33 for photos.]

The President: Do you speak any Spanish?
Pele: No, Portuguese. It is all the same.

The President: [With ball] He always wins.
Mrs. do Nascimento: Yes.

The President: The national champions of soccer in the United States are here in Washington, at Howard University.
Here is a clipping of my visit with Pele to Sao Paolo in 1967.

Pele: Soccer is very different from American football.

The President: Do I know that! The main thing is to use your head.

Pele: Here is a film of soccer which I would like to present. I know you are busy.
The President: Sports films I watch.

Pele: It shows world-wide soccer and the training that is required.

The President: You have no sons, but maybe your grandsons will want to learn from it.

[The President gave out pens.]

Pele: Soccer is played more and more around the world and in the United States. My aim is to send soccer technicians to the U.S. and have your basketball technicians come to Latin America.

The President: That is a great enterprise and I wish you well.
Pete & May

1230 I am still in Weald.

1233 Pete

Q. I am in the Spanish
N. Portuguese, still same
P. (W.B.W.) only always write.

May 14th

P. We are always in Spanish.
Q. Is an Irish (Harrow A.)
N. How is the Spanish from here?
P. It's difficult. Whenever is Friday you

May 15th

P. How is the film of screen with us
Q. to prevent a Kishor, you are busy
P. A film of the screen
N. Some boys with screen & thing
N. They have no sense, but though they are,
    we want to lend for it

P. Cars on
N. Screen is played than some some
    world in U.S.

P. That is a first experience & I wish you well.