MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
NATO Parliamentarians
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the
President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: September 18, 1974
5:30 - 5:35 p.m.

PLACE: Oval Office
The White House

[The President shook hands with each. Then they all stood for a
group picture.]

President: I just returned from giving a speech to the UN. The first
chairman was Truman and every President since then has addressed
the UN. It is of vital importance that the United States restate our
dedication to our alliances as well as to our new efforts. We will
maintain our new relationship with the People’s Republic of China,
and our broadened relationship with the Soviet Union, and our new
steps with the Middle East, Africa, and so on.

Secretary Kissinger, you know, helped to organize the World Food
Conference. We have worked hard at providing food over the years
for the world. This year we had a good crop—though we are a
little short in feed grains—and we will increase our food contribution.
Thus I make the point that food suppliers like us have to act in coopera-
tion with the oil suppliers because too high prices are harmful to all.
We have to see a world of interdependence, not narrow nationalism.
I said that we support the UN, that we believe the world is interdependent,
and we are dedicated to a food supply at a reasonable price and a con-
structive relationship with oil producers. We must approach inflation
on a joint, not a unilateral basis.

I hope we can work together with you, the consumers, not on a com-
petitive basis, but to meet any emergency ahead. We must work
together to face the problems.
Response: We are pleased you have reaffirmed the doctrines of U.S. policy. We have been meeting together for three days to talk together. We have developed a perspective on our concertation. Our vision of Europe is a Europe of friendship with the United States.

President: I myself was a parliamentarian. I am not used to being an executive. I know our systems are somewhat different but we are all dedicated to democracy.

Good luck to each of you.
President thinks Iran is a] each. Then they all sound for a grip... on.

Just learned from President A. P. O. that the
US... moves towards some sense too. An inti-
ment... that US talks are due.

In addition to our own efforts all the
US, including the UN, have... 31, 61 30, we etc.

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Irew 1947, we have

In the world, this is what we have.

The short-term goals are - and we
will

I wish point that food supplies like the

We have seen a world of interdependence and

I said what past

The world would normally, we

The food supply at this price,

A relationship I think we can

In my opinion, not an expectation

but

We must work together to face the

you have ever worked

the formation of UN Baker. We have seen that

for us. In terms of the together. We have

delivered a presentation on our situation.

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So far the result is only too clear. I hope our

I think it's important that we all deductible a

and wish you much of you