

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford  
Fernando Berckemeyer, Ambassador of Peru  
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant  
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 27, 1975  
6:09 - 6:24 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office  
The White House

Berckemeyer: It is nice of you to receive me.

President: It is good to see you. We are going to miss you.

Berkemeyer: I have a house in San Francisco.

President: Are you going to retire there?

How are things?

Berckemeyer: Slightly tense. The complaints are politically motivated  
The trade bill, for example. Most of Latin America profits by it. As the  
President says, we will consider what must be done.

President: That was done in a hurry.

Berckemeyer: Peru is a good friend of the United States. The economic  
situation is good. We have a "revolutionary" government; it is trying to  
do too much at once. I told the President, first we do one thing and then  
another. Land reform, for example -- we didn't need it.

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There is an airplane problem now with Braniff. I hope that we don't have a confrontation. I told Robinson that -- he is a good man. Another good man is Bill Maillard.

President: I am glad to hear that. He was tired of Congress and really wanted the job. He promised he would work at it.

I noticed the BART [Bay Area Rapid Transit] may be shut down for safety reasons. I hope we have better luck here in Washington.

Berckemeyer: The terrain is different. It shakes now and then.

President: Is your successor selected?

Berckemeyer: Yes. He is a Navy man. He is a career man.

President: Is he older, or younger?

Berckemeyer: He is 57 or 58. A career Navy man.

President: Is the government a mixture?

Berckemeyer: Yes, in all the services they have a system of allocation of the jobs. The President is remarkable. He lost a leg and had a heart problem. He is a strong man.

President: Who is the Ambassador there?

Berckemeyer: Dean. Did you enjoy your trip?

President: Yes. I had a press conference and met with the mayors. I had a good time playing golf. Jackie Gleason is quite a character. Nicklaus is a very fine person. Between Hope, Nicklaus and Gleason, I was in quite a league. Do you play?

Berckemeyer: No. Ike asked me once whether I played golf, tennis, etc. He asked, "What do you play?" "The horses," I said.

President: We have appreciated your service.

Berckemeyer: You have some fine men in the Cabinet who know Latin America. Especially Rockefeller.



President: We are using him heavily. He had a tough time yesterday.

Berckemeyer: He is a fine man.

President: Do they have holdings there?

Berckemeyer: They used to.

I will go to Lima on the first and then be in San Francisco by the end of next month.



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27 Feb 75 6<sup>09</sup>-6<sup>24</sup> pm

B Nice paper to receive one

P Good to see you, we going to meet you

B I have a house in SF.

P Are you going to return there

P How are things

B Slightly tense. The complaints are politically motivated. The work bill, for example. Most of the A profits by it. As long as we will consider what must be done

P That was done in a hurry

B From a good point of view. Even set to goal, we have a "voluntary" part. Trying to do two work at once. I told Pers about this & then another, hard repair, for example - we didn't want it. An airplane just now w/ Beniff. Just that we don't have a counterpart. I told Robinson that - he good man. Another is Bill ~~Wagner~~ Winterland.

P I'm glad to hear that. He was tired of long & ~~it~~ really wanted a job. He promised he would work at it.

I wanted the part may be shut down for safety reasons. I hope we have better luck.

B The tension is high. It shakes more than

P Is your successor selected.

B Yes. He's a man man. So career man

P Older, younger?

B He's 37-38. A career man.

P Is the court a mixture?

B Yes, all services they have a system of



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allocation of jobs. The Press is remarkable. He lost a leg and had heart prob. He a strong man.

P Who are about there?

Q8 Dear. Did you enjoy your trip?

Yes. Had p.c. + met w/ viziers. Had good time playing golf. Gleason quite a character. William is a very fine person. But Hope, Wickham, Gleason does in quite a league. Do you play

Q Yes. I worked and worked then I played golf, tennis, etc. Asked what do you play. Tennis, I said.

P Q8 I have appreciated your service.

Q You have some fine men in Cabinet who know LA. E.g. Keeble.

P We are using him heavily. Had a tough time yesterday. ~~to~~

Q Are fine men

P Do they have holdings there?

Q used to.

I will go to home 12<sup>th</sup> and then be in SF by the end of next month.