MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
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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.

Berckemeyer: 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.
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.

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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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6:25 PM

K. Amb. B. of W. Germany

I'm afraid I'm a little late. I'm sorry for the inconvenience.

I have a bit of an idea. I think we should start by discussing the current situation in the area. Tensions between East and West are escalating. I believe we need to act quickly to prevent a full-scale conflict.

Right now, my government is considering several options. I believe we should discuss these options with the other nations involved. Perhaps we can come up with a joint statement or a resolution that addresses the concerns of all parties.

B: I think we should start with a practical solution. We need to address the root causes of the tension. Perhaps we can work on a border agreement or a ceasefire.

E: I agree. We need to address the economic and political factors that are driving the tension. Perhaps we can work on a mutual economic development plan.

P: I'm glad to hear that. We need to find a way to make progress. We promised we would work towards peace.

I'm confident we can find a solution. It takes time, but we need to keep working on it.

B: The tension is still high. It shows no sign of subsiding.

E: Some progress has been made.

B: Yes. How many men do we have now?

E: It's 575. A small force.

B: Do you consider it sufficient?

E: Yes, we believe it is sufficient to maintain security.

B: Yes, all necessary steps have been taken.
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almost on for job. The fact is you might. The
work is hard and you don't get. You stay here.

1. We sent him there?

2. Please, does anyone want it?

Yes. He didn't meet any of the local people,
playing golf. It's not a place to live in. But he's
played golf. Gleneagles, Gleneagles. There's
golf in Gleneagles. Does anyone

3. No. The other day another played golf. Some

4. played. Wednesday. That's so I said.

5. I have no principles you know.

6. You have gone far in this,

7. I was saying. I have clearly, have to put this

8. Do they have anything there?

9. used to.

10. I will go to mine. You and I can be in SF

11. by the end of next month.