MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, June 5, 1975
8:00 a.m.

PLACE: The Cabinet Room
The White House

[The President thanked the leaders for the legislative actions of the day before.]

The President: It was so reassuring to be able to say face to face with European leaders that we were going to remain strong. The House had beat back the Dole amendment to cut 70,000 troops, and Mansfield has said he wouldn't push for a cut. That they wanted a lot more than just words.

Conable: The Republicans have stuck together well on these issues, but our power position is the same. But the Democrats have not been able to put things together. The freshman were frantic yesterday. They were going to run the world. Now they find they can't run anything.

Tower: This comes from your keeping them on the defensive.

Conable: If they ever get together, they can run things, but so far it is going very well.

[The President mentioned the unemployment problem, but said the mood of the country was turning around.]

The President: I think we will have some successes in foreign policy. I can't be as specific as I would like, but sometimes successes come later than you think. One thing from my trip was my meeting with Demirel and Karamanlis. In the Stars and Stripes Sunday, the headline said, "Greece and Turkey Pledge Peace." I thank the Senate for that. That vote created some optimism. Now we have got to win in the House. Don't shake your head, Sam.
Steiger: It is going to be tough.

President: I know it will be. But there won't be any settlement until the Turks decide to move and they can't move until the embargo is lifted. If you want to help the Greeks and the Cypriots, get the embargo lifted.

Rhodes: It will be tough, but we will do it. It will take your personal intervention -- heavily.

President: I am going to do my very best. I think it is terribly important.

Cederburg: I am terribly upset that our meetings all get into Jack Anderson. Somebody in Congress or on the White House is leaking and it is a serious inhibition on debate.

[There was brief discussion of the decontrol legislation, strip mining, and the New Hampshire Wyman-Durkin issue.]
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(Thanks them for the discussion of day before)

P. It was so necessary to be able to see the 3rd and 5th

of June before that we would agree to

Action standing. Our hopes had been high.

The 24th on Friday, and 20th on Sunday I had

been able to work together in the U.S. That

meant even lot more than just words.

(Some general talk)

Tennessee

This comes from your helping them on the

defensive

Crude

Tennessee. They have been good together, they can stand

that. So far it is going very well.

(General mention of recent and more of coping

of moving around)

I think we will have some successes in PA.

Can't be as specific as I'd like sometimes because

can't late them. You think of things from my trip

to see my aunt in New York and then Dr. Stieglitz

Sunday. He said "Get Ready Plan." I

think a Senate fact. That will create some

opinion. Can one get a come in the Senate

don't think your hand, Sam.

Stelica going to be tough.

I know it will be. But time wins in any
without until time which is more to say
and more until it's always so right if you
want to help a cause or support, get it more and
right

I think it will work, but we will do it. I think that
your personal intervention is needed.

I don't think it's my way but I think it is
totally important.

Including John, I think it's best that we not try and get into
Mark Anderson. Every Sunday in Camp and stuff
is looking for it, so it was some indication on
what.

(Discussion on detached legs)

(Decision of step ministry, my chief)

(Write Hampshire, Army, Durham issue)