MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Khalid Muhammad Jaffar, Kuwaiti Ambassador
to the United States
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 14, 1975
4:00 p.m. (Presentation of Credentials)

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

Jaffar: May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy birthday.

[The press entered.]

The President: Thank you very much. It is a pleasure to have you
here representing your country. I am looking forward to getting
to know you.

Jaffar: Thank you very much. It is a great honor and I hope I will
be worthy of it.

The President: Have you been here before? I hope you will travel a lot.

[The press left the room.]

Jaffar: Yes, I came as a tourist in 1969. But I have two sons who
were educated here. One now is at the University of San Diego.

The President: I have never been to Kuwait but I have read a great
deal about your country and the wonderful work you are doing.
Jaffar: Thank you. We are outnumbered by expatriates, but we make them welcome.

The President: You are doing much to help the developing countries.

Jaffar: Yes. We have a capital fund of over $3 billion. It used to be only for the Arabs but is now also for Africa and Asians alike.

The President: How many people are there in Kuwait?

Jaffar: Three-quarters of a million at the last census, but there may be over a million now. We have many nationalities in our country. There is no prejudice on race or politics. We have American and Chinese goods side by side.

The President: I hope ours sell better.

Jaffar: They do, but the Chinese imitate them.

The President: When I was in China in 1972, I was impressed with the diligence of the workers.

Jaffar: They distinguish themselves as merchants for honesty. They will keep their bargains.
I hope to be able to write your happy birthday.

P. Thank you so much. It is very nice to hear from you, representing your country. I look forward to getting to know you.

I thought your approach was great.

I hope I will be worthy.

P. How has Korea? I hope you will find a lot.

Jesse

1. Yes, I returned in 1961, but I have not yet
2. seen anything of China, except for
3. seeing your city. We are wonderful cities
4. again long.

J. Thank you. We are determined by opportunities,
5. but we must time and come.

P. You are doing much work.

J. Yes, we have a capital and city, etc.

P. We need to have more local leaders but non...

J. Have you seen China?

P. Yes, I've visited China twice, but many times I med...

J. We should make more mistakes in our

P. By the way, as a Chinese, we can write

J. I hope you enjoy Korea.

P. The deed, Mr. China, committed them.
In a recent China in 72 years suppressed
wife civilians of a mainland.

They distinguished themselves as merchants for
merger. They will bear their losses.