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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Amb. Walter J. P. Curley, Jr.,
U. S. Ambassador to Eire
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday -- September 2, 1975
12:15 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

The President: This is a big day in Ireland.

Amb. Curley: This is the day of deValera's funeral. You have sent an
impressive delegation.

The President: Will it be a big funeral?

Amb. Curley: Yes. Although the delegation will be back tonight.

The President: When did they go?


The President: Are you a relative of the Boston Curley?

Amb. Curley: No, I can't claim that.

The President: You are from Yale?

[Some Yale small talk, and discussion of James Whitmore
and his Truman show.]

Amb. Curley: I will miss my partner -- a friend of yours -- Ben Schmidt.
The President: Yes. I have skied with him at Vail. He has done great work on that cancer program. Has he gotten involved in New York's financial problems?

Amb. Curley: He was asked but had too many other things.

The President: I am sure you know how important we consider our relations with Ireland, and I am sure that State has told you the problems of North Ireland and how we try to stay out of it. Does anyone have the answer to it?

Amb. Curley: No, but it is not for lack of trying. I heard that all the men who are caught in those various clashes are unemployed. Maybe economic betterment is the solution.

The President: I read in the paper that the IRA has stolen weapons from our military. Is that true?

Scowcroft: Yes. Most of the stealing is from the National Guard or Reserve armories. But there have been several cases of substantial gun running.

The President: I want to wish you every success and I know you will be an outstanding representative of the U.S.

Amb. Curley: Thank you very much for your confidence.
P. This is a day in Ireland.
C. This is a day of a friend. You have sent
an important delegation?
P. Will it be a big friend?
C. Yes, all the delegation will be here
tonight.
P. Where go?
C. This.
P. Are you a relative of the Martin Company?
P. I'm just a friend.
P. From where Yale?
(Stanford made to the incident
description of James Whitmore and his
Treason Case)
P. I will miss very much a friend from
Ben Schmidt.
P. Yes, I have told all been at Yale,
the two clerk went work on that cancer
program.

He gotten something in NY's financial
world?
C. He was told that had the very slight thing
P. I said you have been involved and
consider some relative of Ireland and that
Stanford told some years NY Ireland I have
seen talkin' about it. Does anyone have

C. Yes, but it was for lack of money. I heard
that all a man who are taught in these
Your clothes are unemployed, maybe a social settlement is a solution.

I will say again that I see this as a great opportunity for our society.

S: Yes. More of a challenge for us.

P: I want to wish you every success. I hope your will be an outstanding representative of the U.S.

C: Thank you very much for your support.