THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: See Attached List

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE: September 27, 1975; 9:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
The Cabinet Room

SUBJECT: Presidential Meeting with the Scientific and Technical Association Delegation from the People's Republic of China

The President entered the room and greeted Dr. Chou, who noted that he had met Mr. Ford in 1972. The President recalled his dinner meeting with Dr. Chou and expressed his pleasure at being able to renew their acquaintance. In greeting the deputy delegation leader, Dr. Tseng, the President noted that Dr. Tseng had graduated from the University of Michigan. Dr. Tseng remarked that he had received his Ph.D. from the University. The President responded that he was a young scholar relative to himself. The President then shook hands with all the other delegation members, and expressed his welcome to the American escorts.

The President: Dr. Chou P'ei-yuan, it is a pleasure to welcome you and the delegation from the Scientific and Technical Association visiting the United States.

It has been very interesting to me to note that a number of your delegation studied in the past in various universities in the United States.

Your visit is further evidence of the growing friendly relations between your government and our government.

We welcome you and other delegations coming to the United States.

I note with some interest that among your scientific and technical delegation are experts on astrology, oceanography, aerodynamics, and other important areas of scientific interest to us and to yourself.
I am sure your delegation will be warmly welcomed on many campuses, colleges, and universities across the United States.

(to Dr. Chou): I deeply appreciate this opportunity to renew our acquaintance which we began in 1972. I do hope that on your return to China you will express to Chairman Mao and Premier Chou my very best wishes. I look forward to the opportunity of seeing them when I visit your country later in 1973.

I remember very vividly, and with many great memories, my visit to China in 1972 with Mrs. Ford. We visited Liaoning Province, and the city of Shenyang, and Anshan.

I hope you will enjoy the opportunity to visit the White House after our conference, and see the residence of the President of the United States. It is a beautiful home, and I hope you will enjoy the experience.

You are in very good hands with the American experts escorting you around the U.S. It is beneficial to your country and to ours that you are making this visit.

Dr. Chou: Mr. President, I would like on behalf of the delegation members of the Scientific and Technical Association of the People's Republic of China to express our deep gratitude for your kind reception.

We will convey your good wishes to our Chairman Mao and Premier Chou when we get back.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China for its kind invitation. It is a short time since our arrival, but already we have visited some institutions and have been accorded a warm welcome on our visit by American scientists and people. This shows the traditional friendship between the Chinese and American people.

It is our belief that our visit will strengthen the understanding and friendship between the people and scientists of our two countries. We warmly welcome you to visit China.

The President (to Huang Chen): It is nice to see you again, Mr. Ambassador, as well as this delegation of scientists and technical experts.
The exchange of scientific information transcends political philosophies. I am sure this visit will strengthen the excellent relations between our two countries.

Ambassador Huang: I am very glad to be here again, Mr. President, and I am pleased that you are receiving the delegation from the Scientific and Technical Association of our country.

Just now the Chairman of the Scientific and Technical Association delegation has said a few words. I would like to add that to develop Sino-American relations according to the Shanghai Communique is in the interests of our peoples and our two countries.

The President (to Huang Chen): Do you understand all these areas of expertise: oceanography, astronomy, environmental science? I don't! (Laughter)

Ambassador Huang: We are in the same boat; we are all laymen (laughter).

The President: But we do depend on these areas of expertise if we are to make a better world.

Thank you very much, and thank you to the American group travelling with you. I am sure they will make your visit a success. I know you will receive a warm welcome from the American people.

(The President and the guests arose.)

(to Dr. Chou): This has been a nice opportunity, I will tell Mrs. Ford that we had a chance to renew our acquaintance. Goodbye.
Presidential Meeting with the Delegation of the Scientific and Technical Association from the People's Republic of China

Participants

U.S. Government

The President
Brent Scowcroft, Lt. General, USAF, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
Richard H. Solomon, Senior Staff Member, National Security Council
William H. Hitchcock, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs

PRC Scientific and Technical Association Delegation

Chou Pei-yuan, Leader
Tseng Cheng-kuei, Deputy Leader
Chuang Feng-kan
Ting Hou-chang
Huang Yung-wel
Chang Ho-chi
Cheng Taung-shuang
Tsien Hao
Yen Tun-shih
Liu Tung-shen
Liu Ching-yi
Chi Ming-hou
Hsia Kan-yuan
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PRC Liaison Office Officials

Ambassador Huang Chen
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Shen Jo-yun

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: Richard H. Solomon

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation of the President's Meeting with the Scientific and Technical Association Delegation from the People's Republic of China, September 27, 1975

The President met with the Scientific and Technical Association delegation from the People's Republic of China on September 27, 1975 at 9:30 a.m. Attached at Tab A is a memorandum of conversation covering that meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward the memorandum of conversation at Tab A for the President's files.

Approve ☑ Disapprove ________
Subject: Memorandum of Pres Meeting with the Scientific and Technical Assoc. Delegation to Pres., Sept 27, 1975

TO: PRES
FROM: COLBY, W
SCHLESINGER, J

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CONCURRENCE.

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