MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Mrs. Anne Armstrong, Ambassador Designate
to the Court of St. James
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the
President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 14, 1976
10:45 - 11:13 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: I have not been to Great Britain since I became President,
except for a stop at Mildenhall.

I think the news magazines are ecstatic about your appointment
and you will sail through with no problem.

We do have a problem with the Brits relating to the Concorde.
Bill Coleman has to make a decision now and I am sure the Brits will
want to talk about it. I have strong personal views, which, of course,
I haven't told Bill because of his responsibility. I have always been a
strong advocate of the SST and I deeply regret our decision and I am glad
someone is building the SST.

Then there is the Irish problem, which we are trying to stay out of.

Scowcroft: There is a problem of gun running.

The President: Let's find out what the situation is.

Armstrong: It is a sensitive issue in this election year. Then I may be
asked about American companies and British oil fields.

Scowcroft: State will brief you on these things.
The President: I get along very well with Wilson. I have met with him four or five times. The Brits are having economic trouble, but are doing better than expected. Inflation is still about 20% and the British are slower than the others in coming out of the recession.

There is another issue -- the Chrysler plant. It was non-competitive, because of labor problems. Wilson told me they would put up the funds to keep one plant going -- about 25,000 workers. The government has promised a revision of wage and workers relations.

I can't think of more problems.

Scowcroft: Our relations couldn't be better.

Armstrong: How did you find Mrs. Thatcher?

The President: She was very nice. A charming person and I suspect a tough competitor. I think you will like her.

Armstrong: Of course. I don't have any natural inclination toward Wilson and his political views.

The President: We really discuss only international affairs.

Scowcroft: I should point out that our relations with this government are much better than with Heath. Heath really had a sort of a Gaullist attitude toward the United States. Things are much better with Wilson. And you will be crazy about Callaghan.

Armstrong: How about the cod war?

Scowcroft: We have stayed completely neutral on that one.

The President: Anne, I know you will do a great job and I wish you all the best. You know the Queen is coming next July. She's spending several days here. I think they want us to go to New York for dinner on their yacht.
I have not been to Cairo since Feb. except for a stop at Alexandria.
I think our views are essentially the same upon Egypt and you will not think of
the point.
We have a good idea about Egypt's new "Conciliators". Bill Collier has to work
along with 2 more but I hope to talk about it. I have strong
personal views which I of course do not
want to hold because of the way. I have
always been a strong advocate of SSI and so
deply regret our decision and glad never
will mind it.
There are a few points which are trying
its endurance.

1. There is not enough time to
2. I have found out while we act.
3. "It's a cactus under this bleeding gum."

There have been attacks upon us.
4. Stalin said I was doing three things
5. I got along very well with him. I have met
him 4 or 5 times, and he always
seemed to be looking for some trouble but doing little themselves.

I think still about 20% or 30% still believe
everything is coming out of Russia.

There is another issue - "Chapman plan".

But it was never very effective, because of other
policies. The London GI have they would put my
friends to keep one plant going - what
is not necessary. The Joint had promised
me very important relations.
Can't think of more pros.

S: Our relationship wouldn't be better.

P: And did you find love, Father?

S: She was very wise, a charming person, and I respect his work. I think you will

H: Of course, I don't have any material

S: A anti-war writer, and the political

S: We really discuss and with affairs.

S: I should point out that our relationship is

P: Health, health really has a reality

S: And your attitude toward W. Tharp is

H: How about Gollum?

S: We have played completely worked on that

P: Amos, I know you will do a
great job. I wish you all the best. You

S: Chairman is turning most

Gollum remind days here. I think

I think you want me to go to L. If I go down on

them quiet.