

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Gerald R. Ford  
Amb. Carlos Garcia-Bedoya, Ambassador  
of the Republic of Peru  
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
Ambassador Henry E. Catto, Jr., Chief  
of Protocol  
William D. Rogers, Assistant Secretary of  
State for Inter-American Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Monday, February 9, 1976  
2:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

[The press was admitted briefly. There was small talk about travel between here and Peru and when the Ambassador was here previously. The press was then dismissed.]

The President: How long was it by boat in the old days?

Garcia: About ten days.

I would like to express my deep satisfaction at meeting with you, Mr. President, and being able to present my credentials as Ambassador to the United States. You may be sure that during my tenure, I will do everything possible to insure we have that dynamic relationship that I am sure both our countries desire.

The President: We sincerely seek the best of relations with your country and I hope some of the problems of the past won't be repeated. Please convey my regards to the President. I hope your oil discovery will be sufficient to be of real economic benefit to your country.

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Garcia: I am very happy to hear your greeting to President Morales Bermudez and he reciprocates. We are very happy to receive your Secretary of State and I know it will contribute to our good relations.

The President: I am glad he finally is able to go. He wanted to for some time but there have been several postponements. I am glad he is finally making it.

Garcia: I am sure his visit will have deep repercussions not only in the particular countries but will show all Latin America the interest of the United States.

The President: I know on occasion your area has thought we have ignored you. I want you to know there is a strong feeling of friendship between the American people and Latin America and on my part as well. I am sure we can in concrete ways deepen that relationship.

Garcia: I am happy to hear your words. I know it is your policy to give high priority to Latin America. It is for that reason I mentioned the visit of the Secretary of State.

The President: Again, we are happy to welcome you here.

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