MEMORANDUM
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Gerald R. Ford
Fumihiko Togo, Ambassador of Japan
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
William H. Gleysteen, Jr., Deputy Assistant
Secretary of State for Bureau of East Asian
and Pacific Affairs
Ambassador Stuart W. Rockwell, Deputy Chief
of Protocol, Department of State

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 24, 1976
2:00 - 2:44 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

SUBJECT: Presentation of Credentials

[The press enters. There is discussion of the President's trip to Japan,
the Emperor's visit here and also the weather. The press departs.]

Togo: Mr. President, His Majesty has commanded me to express his
greeting and his gratitude for the warm welcome and wonderful visit
here.

The President: Please convey my very best wishes to both His Majesty and
the Empress.

Togo: He also wanted to express his hope for the further building of good
relations between our countries.

The President: Their visit was, I think, most beneficial for both countries.

Togo: I am a professional. For us, the United States relationship is the
first priority. The Prime Minister feels that way too. We were pleased
by your Hawaii speech. It is said that the United States falls down some­
times but never fails.

The President: We feel that way very deeply. We want to do our best with
you.
I very much appreciated getting to talk to Prime Minister Miki at Rambouillet.

Togo: At present, Prime Minister Miki is troubled by the Lockheed matter. He is sending a communication to the State Department.

The President: We are troubled by it too. I will look forward to his communication.

Togo: This is a very important year for you.

The President: This is an important day. It is important to get some indication. I am very encouraged by Florida. We are doing well there.

Togo: Everything is fine between the United States and Japan. I hope this disagreeable matter will soon be over.

The President: I agree our relations are excellent.

Togo: I am honored to be here. I was here in service 37 years ago and started here.

My wife would greatly appreciate the honor to call on Mrs. Ford. I know it is outside protocol, but since Mrs. Ford didn’t get to Japan, she would like to greet her.

The President: By all means. General Scowcroft will arrange it.
Present

Desire 1. Try to go to Japan and European visit

1. Japan:

T His request should be to express his gratitude for the warm and sincere reception

1. France:

T He also wanted to express his hope for further

1. Iran: we need Iran most because

1. Sino-American:

T As for China, I think it is of first priority. I feel that every time we were placed by Russian trade. It is sad that U.S. fell down suddenly but now I hope

1. We feel that very very clearly. We want to draw our lesson

2. very much appreciated putting in touch with Mr. kim at the Embassy

T At present, Mr. Kim is handling by a secret

1. We are trying to send a communication to a State Dept.

T We are thankful by it.

T This is a very important year for us

1. This is an important day. It is important to you too.

T And this is fine but US-Japan I hope this friendship will

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