MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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President Ford
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PLACE:
The Oval Office

Luce: You must be happy [at the results of Tuesday's New Hampshire primary].

The President: I am very happy. We did especially well in the Keene area where I campaigned.

Luce: It was very good from a psychological viewpoint.

The President: Yes. Reagan campaigned hard and hoped to win. How are you?

Luce: Just fine.

The President: As you know, we have just announced an intelligence reorganization. [Discusses some of the details.]

I think Pike has hurt himself and I am interested to see the House is investigating Daniel Schorr.

Luce: That is music to my ears. The press has arrogated to itself the right of secrecy but no one else can have it.

The President: I think it is good, though, that the House is doing it.
Luce: I think it [PFIAB] is a very good board and I am pleased to be reappointed. I think the new additions will be helpful. I regret George Anderson going. But Leo Cherne will be a great Chairman.

There is one part of intelligence to which no attention is being paid -- counterintelligence. It has been struck a real blow by these investigations. Colby reorganized it a year ago which further confused it. I think you should look into counterintelligence within the CIA. The men who have been let go have vast memories which have been lost.

The President: George Bush is trying to get read into the Agency. He is spending full time getting up on things.

Luce: May I suggest that George talk to Angleton to hear his side of the story. I have great respect for Colby but I think George should hear both sides.

The President: What was the problem between them?

Luce: I only know second hand. Colby thought Angleton was so secretive that Colby couldn't even find out what went on. Angleton thinks Colby leaked the story to the press to get him. But the result is we lost the top people in counterintelligence, who left with Angleton.

The Board wants to serve you. It can best do that if you maintain contact and give them tasks.

The President: As you know, I met with the Board both as Vice President and President. We will be making the announcement of the new board in a week or so.

Luce: I am profoundly concerned about the condition of our foreign policy. In 1972 there was a feeling that detente had a consensus -- perhaps because it was defined the way each one wished it to. Now that has eroded and there is a growing consensus against it. You said recently, "peace through strength." That is good, and the word "detente" should be scrapped. I think the word is a disaster and should be dropped -- it is subject to chides like "one-way street," etc.

The President: It probably isn't the best word and maybe it isn't good for me in the campaign. But it makes me mad that they say because I am
for detente I am soft on the Soviets. When the chips are down, they bug out. Where were they on Angola?

There are two groups -- one which says be nice to them and they'll be nice to you. That doesn't work. The others say be tough to the Soviets but cave when it comes to standing up to them. We are going to continue being tough -- on Angola and anywhere else the Soviets move. I am going to keep Congress on the spot.

Luce: Should we tell the people the Congress has slipped back into the mood of the 30's? Then there was Roosevelt who understood power politics and the threat. He couldn't change an isolationist Congress. I think we are headed back that way. Maybe plain talk over the heads of Congress of the dangers of isolationism which for us is always accompanied by pacifism. Say we are going to negotiate but it is going to be balanced or you will have no part of it. Don't use "detente."

The President: I think we have to show historically that we may be going through the 30's again. If Britain and France had kept Italy out of Ethiopia in 1935, there might have been no World War II. Angola might be a latter day Ethiopia.

Luce: If the Soviets start to radicalize Rhodesia and South Africa, it would be very tricky.

Henry is in grave trouble. He is being picked on by both camps you describe. How can he get detente off his back? He is accused of giving everything away, but also accused of being a hawk.

The President: I am curious about your comment on Henry's popularity. The polls continuously reaffirm his popularity.

Luce: Henry is a celebrity as far as the public goes. Americans love celebrities. Most of them don't know what foreign policy is about. Where he is unpopular is, on one extreme, with the Zumwalts who see him as an appeaser. At the other extreme are the liberals who think he hasn't tried hard enough with the Soviets and hasn't been hard enough on Israel. Henry isn't popular with people who think about foreign policy. The key is getting rid of "detente."
I am not in any hurry. I did signal toinema
and wrote I engaged.
It was very good from a pay of newspaper.
Yes, as per our agreement should it be due in
February.

As you know we have sent an additional
amount, hereby.

(Enclosures are per details)

Get all letters sent timely and immediately
at once. Finance in Infertility Cases

If in quarantine zone the persons
consequently still doubt of reality but
more otherwise have it.

Get in it quickly, dear, that's how important.

I think it is a very good loan (February 1972) +
necessary to be associated, I think now
additions will be helpful. I suggest
concentration going, but China will
be quite close.

There is one part of control to which
was attention in long past - environment.
It has been stated in several ways by those
concentrations. Likely recognized it as
a journey which further improved it.
I think you should both visit it continent
when the time comes, take good care but
you have most important which have been lost.
George is trying to put real weight on thinking. He is spending full time getting up on things.

Then I suggested that George talk to Anyway to see how his style for doing things might fit for George. I thought it might fit but I think George should lean both sides.

What was a just bit, then

I don't know 1-2-3 hand. It's that Anyway was so practical that Only couldn't turn it on without mentioning Anyway. Only thinks Only lacked a story to press to get him. But it was nice that the people in question, who left

Anyway

The Board wants to remain open. It can't be shut if you want both sides.

As you know, I went to the Board with a VP & P. We will be making announcement of new board in a couple of days.

I am personally concerned about submission of your C. There was a feeling that it was not a proper course to bring the change in the way it was wanted to. How that has worked & there is grumbling on committees against it. Your word against "full time" is that is good. I don't think that should be scrapped. I think the word is a desideratum, should be dropped but subject to clauses like "as necessary that", etc.
It just isn't a lost world & maybe isn't giving forever &amp; everyone
that it makes you mad right away. You can't
just sit on your hands & keep your eyes. When I choose
everywhere, they forget. What have they
always?
Train an 8 group - the which type to
mine & then they'll be nice & fine.
That doesn't work. I mean trying to
tough to it comes but when it comes
to standing up to them. We are going to
continue being tough on an app &
anywhere else you can mention. I figured
they'd Congress a spot.

School's a whole lot worse now.
has slashed back into a crowd of 30's. Then there were
A group that understood people politics so well.
He couldn't change an association & I think
that was kind of that way. Maybe plain
talk was hardest. Group of doctors of architecture
which were all being concurred by
persuasion. I say we must get to what we are
so far. You'll be a teenager & you will
have to part of it. Don't waste time!

I think we have two mantismal that
we can do you... than - 30's ago.

If you had kept study on Ethiopia
in 1935 than might have been useful.
Anyone might be a better day Ethiopia.
If you start becoming/behaving like that it will be very wrong.
Here is a question for you. Why did you/are you doing this? How can
be get others off your back. It occurred of giving everything away, but the accused of
being a teacher.
I can understand your problem, and I sympathize.
The police continuously好莱坞 in probability
It is a exhibit, or for any justice goes.
And more has it that not if them don't know what it is about. What be is applicable
is, an oral torture, with commitments who
will him as an aggressor. The other others
our friends who think be honest and hard
someone who I think I know is in hard work
so I would be the one how get be a
people who think about it. I'm keeping getting
end of situation.