

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford
King Carl XVI Gustaf
Sven Andersson, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Bjorn von der Esch, Chief Marshal of the
Royal Court
Count Wilhelm Wachtmeister, Ambassador
of Sweden
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
Amb. Robert Strausz-Hupe, US Ambassador
to Sweden

DATE AND TIME:

Monday, April 5, 1976
11:00 - 11:40 a.m.

PLACE:

The Oval Office

[The press came in for photographs. There was small talk about when the King arrived, and Vail.]

The President: There was a small tragedy on the gondola. The cable frayed, jammed around a pulley and the gondolas hit and fell. There were four killed and others seriously injured. But my daughter says the snow is good.

[The press then left.]

It is delightful to have you here. We have large numbers of Swedes here.

Gustaf: I came here with the best greetings from all the Swedish people for your jubilee.

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The President: We appreciate that and the exchange program you have made as a gift. That is a very important program. We are now beginning to reap the benefits of those who came here years ago.

We are also pleased at the improvement of relations between us. The Ambassador had much to do with that and we are taking him for NATO. But his successor is a friend and will do a fine job.

Gustaf: He was in the Pentagon, wasn't he?

The President: Yes, he was an Assistant Secretary in the Air Force.

Gustaf: I think this will be an interesting journey for me. I have been here before but never with the leisure to see things.

The President: I see you are visiting my home state. You also are the first head of State to visit the Liberty Bell Pavilion.

Gustaf: I am breaking the ice.

The President: You are having lunch with Train. He has done an outstanding job. He has been attacked for not being tough enough, but he has struck a good balance. Do you have nuclear power?

Gustaf: That is a subject dear to my heart. It is important to strike the right balance on environmental matters. We have mostly hydroelectric power now, but it is not enough.

The President: Our environmentalists are working hard on a damaging proposition in California. Ours want no nuclear power and no conventional power either.

Gustaf: Is Dixie Lee Ray still in charge?

The President: No. We split our nuclear business into ERDA and NRC. She is a fine scientist and vigorously fought for nuclear development. We should get her to campaign in California.

Are your environmentalists trying to stop nuclear development?

Gustaf: They are always trying to stop what is going on.



The President: I had a meeting with my nuclear people before I went to California. They are all concerned of the safety of nuclear power. I guess the waste disposal problem is one of the biggest, but we are solving that.

Strausz-Hupe: But Dr. Teller is very worried about California. He says people don't know the facts and are just fearful.

The President: We should get Ray down there.

Andersson: We don't have any oil and we import more per capita than anyone, I think. We have no other source and we really need nuclear power.

The President: We have 55 nuclear plants, and we hope to have 255 by 1985.

Andersson: We are looking for oil in the Baltic.

The President: Norway has found plenty.

Gustaf: Yes, and we will get some from them, but it is high priced.

The President: I hear it costs Saudia Arabia 10-20¢ a barrel!

Gustaf: We are building a new Volvo plant in Virginia.

The President: Yes, you have two very fine cars. Is the plant being built now?

Wachtmeister: Yes, we will be in production by next year.

The President: Competition never hurt anyone, including our auto makers -- but don't tell them.

Gustaf: I can't help looking at that marvelous ship's wheel.

The President: That is from the Mayaguez. The crew presented the wheel to me. This happened just after the end of the Vietnam conflict.

What kind of snow do you have in Sweden?

Gustaf: None in Stockholm, but there is plenty up north.

The President: I think you will like Vail. I have never been there in the spring, but I hear they have good corn snow. They have about 60 inches and it should be good, especially at the top. One side is cut from the woods and one is open bowls.

Wachtmeister: Isn't there competition between Aspen and Vail?

The President: Yes, but they are very different. Aspen was built from an old mining town. Vail is a Swiss village.

Gustaf: You have a huge country. We will try to see as much as we can.

The President: I certainly hope you have a good day in Philadelphia.

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