MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford

Canadian Commissioners:
- Dr. Maxwell Cohen
- Mr. Bernard Beaupre
- Mr. Keith A. Henry

U.S. Commissioners:
- Mr. Henry F. Smith, III
- Mr. Charles R. Ross
- Mr. Victor L. Smith
- Jack H. Warren, Ambassador to Canada
- Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 5, 1976
12:00 - 12:37 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Smith: My wife sends her best regards.

President: Betty is out in Wisconsin campaigning. She does a better job that I do.

Tell me about some of your problems.

Smith: I just happen to have a brochure.

President: Michigan has more coastline than any other state.

Cohen: Canada is supposed to have 53,000 miles of coastline.

President: How are we doing on cleaning up the Lakes?

Smith: There are indicators they are getting better. We are making progress.
Henry: It is still a very serious problem and the best we can say is it isn't getting worse.

President: In my '77 budget I have $6.9 billion -- the biggest in the history of the U.S.

Cohen: There is a surprising inability of industry to meet the demand for pumps and other equipment.

Smith: Lake Ontario is rising again and Lake St. Louise is in flood. You will be getting calls to pull the plug on that Lake -- but I hope it will be all right.

President: Aren't all the Lakes high?

Smith: Since Hurricane Agnes, they have all been high.

President: When I first ran for Congress, Lake Michigan was high and I blamed my opponent for not doing anything about it.

Cohen: The final irony is that the Lake level was in '64, when we started, very low; now they are very high.

Ross: We have felt we should regulate the Lakes as a unit, but that isn't popular with everyone.

Cohen: We are a unique institution and we should all be proud of it. What if we had to quarrel over every water problem?

Cohen: I heard Tom Enders give his maiden address. It was a good job -- unbalanced, but a good bit of advocacy.

Ross: How about a ski competition with the Prime Minister?

President: We have thought of that but not in '76.

Ross: We would be happy to host such an event at Mt. Mansfield.

President: I used to ski there.

Smith: We are happy to hear your budget has taken in this environment problem. We also would make a plea for a surveillance system so we can know how well we are doing.
Cohen: I think it is essential to keep up the momentum. The Lakes are unique and we shouldn't relax our effort. We have always been concerned to recognize the twin imperatives of economics and the environment.

President: I hear Lake Erie is better.

Henry: Be cautious about that. The whole Lake is not markedly better.

Smith: Some beaches have been reopened and the fishing is better.
My wife seems to have lost weight

Betty is cool in the company. She does
a career job than I.

Tell me a bit more of your boat.

I guess he's to have a lifetime.

I'm not sure how much it was than my other boat.

Canada is my goal. Have seen a good world.

Then we were only on cleaning rope to take

Instead of watching the game our money outer. We are

It's still a very serious part but convincing

Yester day 7.17. 7.5. 6.4.6 6.4.6 is big yet

I'm in it.

I'm a surprising mistake. Finally to
we're clean for greens and other things.

It's obvious it's going against it. St. Chase is

I'm from. You will be getting calls to pull up play at

Am all the Lake high?

Since tomorrow they have all been high.

When I say sure for long, I know the water high

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The first thing is that a lake level was

We should not be a warm, but that isn't popular with us.

We are a warm and big and we should all

I'm afraid of it. What if we start to generalize over very another place.
I heard Tom and Lisa give this speech at our event. It was great job; wonderful, but good kind of advisable.

Pete: How about in the morning of this P.M.?
Rox: We have that if that don't work in 7:30.

Rox: We would be happy to host such an event at
Wirt University.

Sue: The time.

We are happy to know upon budget to be taken in
this announcement part. We also need plan for
unavoidable system so we can know
how well this day.

C: I think it is mandatory to have some momentum.
For instance, unique and significant religious
efforts. We can always been important for
C. 2.81 spiritual and economic in moment.

P: Please let it be later.

Rox: Reconsider about that. Then another ride is not normally
happens.

S: Some measures have been received. I��作 is with.