MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Amb. Francis E. Meloy, Jr., US Ambassador
to Lebanon
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

DATE & TIME: Monday - May 10, 1976
10:20 - 10:29 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

[The press entered. The President began a discussion of Guatemala relief efforts. The press departed.]

Meloy: Our military did a fantastic job there. It made you proud to be an American. Several Latin American Ambassadors came up to me to say "we criticize the US, but when we are in trouble, we always turn to you."

President: How are we doing in Italy (in response to the earthquake)?

Scowcroft: We have used our troops and equipment, especially helicopters. Also about 10,000 tents. We don't yet have very specific requirements.

Meloy: In Guatemala we are doing what will have the maximal impact.

President: You will be replacing Dean Brown who has done a fantastic job. Our role has been just right. Please give [newly-elected President] Sarkis my best. We hope that order can be restored and we support his efforts to restore an effective government and we will do all we can to help.

Kissinger: I told the President the French are thinking of putting troops into Beirut. That could keep the Syrians in the east part of the country. Giscard will want to talk about it. The French will have to continue to walk through this mine field that we have been negotiating.
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Subject: Development of computer-aided efforts

RE: O.U. observation and a fantastic job, sir. I hope you
promised to come down. Seventh H & A Group came
by & we're sorry we didn't recognize it, but otherwise
in terms, we always thank you.

P. How are we doing in July?

5. Get some expeditions troops and equipment,
especially Arlington, also about 1000 tents. We
might get some very specific requirements.

6. In Q. we're doing what we'll have to

P. You will be replacing Brown, who has done a
fantastic job. Can't have been just right.
Please give S Abdel my best. I hope that
aicer can be written & we support his
effort to receive effective part of local
activities.

K. Still have a call on thinking of having troops into
France. That could keep a company in a best
position to move. One could want to keep about
France to continue to move to moving field that we have been negotiating.