MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Mohammad Aziz Naim, Special Envoy
of the President of Afghanistan
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of
State
Ali Ahmad Khurram, Minister of Planning
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DATE AND TIME: Thursday - July 1, 1976
4:50 - 5:36 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

President: It is a great pleasure to have you here. Please give my
regards to your President. I am pleased to say that our bilateral
relations are excellent. I would like to have your impression of our
relations and the situation in the part of the world.

Naim: It is kind of you, Mr. President. I appreciate this opportunity to
meet with you and your associates. I have enjoyed meeting as well with
the Congress and Senate. I appreciate the opportunity to discuss our
relations.

We feel we must have adequate means to prevent developments against
our security. We need information which will help us to know what is
going on. As I indicated to Secretary Kissinger, we need help in being
more prepared for the future and for threats to our security. I was here
as Ambassador when our military attache prepared a modest list of
armament that we needed. We wanted at least enough to give us some
help and some indication that we could receive support if needed. It
was refused.

When help was refused from the United States, we were completely
defenseless and we contacted the Soviets for arms. They responded, and on
this basis cooperation developed in other spheres of our country.

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We have sent officers to the Soviet Union to their military institutions to train. Since the help was coming from them, they said they had to train our personnel. A number of our military people have not only been trained in arms but have received political indoctrination. Numerically they don't represent a significant percent, but they are mostly in jobs which are critical. We are in a posture of visible friendship with the Soviet Union, but we don't want to get too close. We don't feel any results from US-Soviet detente. In our country, we feel the antagonism has increased, not diminished.

If we could have an invisible cooperation on intelligence work and some help with our intelligence organizations, it would be of great help.

The President: How much military aid does the Soviet Union supply?

Naim: It is not significant now. We already have the arms and our people are already trained, so it isn't as much as it was formerly.

Kissinger: I must leave, but as I told Mr. Naim, after discussing with the President we would agree in principle with intelligence cooperation and we will also work out some more visible projects of cooperation.

Naim: You have received a report from Secretary Kissinger. We need assistance in intelligence about what may be going on in Afghanistan. But we also want the presence of a friendly US in Afghanistan, cooperating in development, which will benefit my people and have a symbolic meaning. Most importantly it would be helpful in agriculture -- our most important industry.

My people don't want to be gripped by a small percentage of people who are in the services of a foreign power.

We hope to find with you more compassion for our problem and more compassion for our needs in development.

The President: As I recall, in the 50's when I was a Congressman we were helping build a dam. Was it ever completed?

Naim: There was a lot of work done on an irrigation project, but it was a multi-purpose project and unfortunately still isn't completed. Finishing it would give us energy we badly need and allow us to use it to process agriculture. Right now we have no means to make fertilizer.
The President: What are the major agricultural products?

Naim: Fruit, fresh and dried -- besides food for home consumption. We need help in learning how to make our dried fruit more marketable in the U.S. I discussed with Mr. McNamara the production of steel. We are in the process of creating a network of railroads which will let us export iron ore and help us in our own consumption. Mr. McNamara promised to send people to study the projects. We thought maybe the U.S. and other developed countries could join to help us develop in these areas.

The President: I will talk with Secretary Kissinger and AID and I hope we can do something worthwhile. As for intelligence, I think we can work something worthwhile. As for intelligence, I think we can work something out but we will have to work out the details.

Naim: That is very kind of you. This kind of help for our security and development will not only help our security but will assist the future of the area where we are living.

In conclusion, I am very pleased to be here when the United States is celebrating its independence. I am from a country which has always fought for its independence and it is auspicious that this is the year I am here and you are commemorating yours. I congratulate you on your celebration.

The President: Thank you very much. Please tell your President we will do our best to help in the areas we discussed. Perhaps Secretary Kissinger can visit when he is next in the area.

Naim: Thank you very much. We will warmly welcome Secretary Kissinger whenever he might be able to visit.
A great pleasure to have your letter. Please give
my regards to P. I am pleased to say our
letter's contents are excellent. I would like to
have your impressions of our relations at
this point in time.

It is hard for me to express the exact
meaning of your reports. I have enjoyed
writing as well. Keep it up. I expect
to discuss our relations.

I hope we meet again and present
the present difficult question to our
churches which we will have to
know what is going on. As I indicated
to you need help in living some prepared
for a future for the third house shortly.
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other regions of our country. We show that
offered to SU the right thanks to them. The boxes
since a little more coming from there, they
and they had to their own growth. At the
time and people have not only been
found in areas that have real political
value. Unfortunately they didn't represent
a significant part, they mostly in jobs which
are internal. We try are in a position of unite.
friendship is 50/50, but we don't want to split the bill. We don't feel any regret from 65-75
dollars. As our country we feel to err, they have much, but honored.
If we could have an incentive on our metal book and start help on our metal projects it
would be great help.

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It is verywig new. In reality how good
and our people are already trained, so it can't be
in much family.

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and our country are weak and some

Upon these points:

I am not sure about K, like a need
axis in Arabic about what may be going
on in Afghanistan. But we also want to finance
for '2000 in Afghanistan every 
month which will benefit to people a large
geopolitical meaning. Most importantly it could
be helpful in our own most important
industry.

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crowd of people who are at a limit of
foreign pressure.

I am trying to find up your name or your
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Afghanistan.

As I said in 5, do what I was a bag that
we are helping build a dam. We are more
engaged.
This was a bit of work done on a team project. I did more writing than the other projects, and I think I might do it again. Finish our team goals was something we needed to focus on. E-mails were one answer to make progress.

A minor bug in our project.

Final proof of final package. We have organized our work. I'm learning how to make our work feel more marketable.

I discovered a new language. I've been working on a project that will let me reflect on why we are in a certain circumstance. We have moved to send what to study in projects. Are the things we are doing drives could join to help us study and understand.

I will look forward. I hope we can do something worthwhile. As I write, I think we can reach something out that we will have to work at with others.

Very kind of you. The thought of helping someone in need will not only help someone but will assist in feeling secure in life, a long with an easy future. I've been thinking I very pleased to be here when the celebration is complete. I know an event which has always taught the ability of a person's voice to communicate that this year I have been the one. I congratulate you on your celebration.

Thank you very much. I have all you that we will do our best to help in
drew an expression. Perhaps it can soak
when he is within a year.

N. Thank you very much. We will
soon be underway if whenever it
might be wise to wait.