

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Gerald R. Ford
Rep. Don Clausen (R-Calif.)
Rep. James Grover (R-N. Y.)
Rep. David Henderson (D-N. C.)
Rep. Ed Forsythe (R-N. J.)
Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.)
Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska)
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to
the President for National Security Affairs
Vernon C. Loen, Special Assistant to the
President

DATE AND TIME: Friday, October 11, 1974
9:25 a. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

SUBJECT: Law of the Sea Conference; Turkish Aid

Henderson: Our objective is not to deal with the security question but to establish a fish and conversation zone.

_____ : Over half of the fish are taken by foreign fishermen.

Our concern is not just parochial but the preservation of our natural resources. Our bill extends the fishing zone to 200 miles -- it doesn't change the security zone. General Brown conceded that if others did the same, there would be no security impact. Our fish won't wait.

Henderson: Will you discuss this with the Japanese when you go there?

President: Yes, I will.

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Studds: Haddock are now extinct. Now the Japs are going into our halibut area. We have to zone the fish before it is too late.

President: Are we unique in that we have the only fishing bank?

_____ : We have been wringing our hands for 12 years. If we can't propagate the species we may not be able to eat. Halibut, hake are affected.

Henderson: Can you get a moratorium from the Soviets and Japanese until the negotiating process is completed? This bill just has an interim solution until the international solution is settled.

If you can tell us the Soviet Union won't come into our area until after the treaty is worked out, that would help.

_____ : We are asking them to hold up in our bill until there is a settlement. It would not prevent fishing.

President: Let me lobby a bit on another matter -- Turkish aid. If you take away our ability you will hurt the Greeks. If you give us to December 17, you will help the Greeks. We are the only country with leverage with the Turks. They are prepared to make some concessions, but the Greeks don't want them until after the elections. The Turks have agreed to generous concessions. They could take actions which could undermine NATO. I will veto if I don't get the Mansfield amendment.

_____ : Can we tell our colleagues?

President: Sure. I tell everyone the same.

Henderson: On the fisheries, can we tell the press you will take this matter up with the Japanese and the Soviet Union?

President: Yes.



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Date 10/10

TO: General Brent Scowcroft

FROM: VERN C. LOEN **VL**

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Per Our Conversation _____

Other:

***** Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska)
asked later to be added.

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October 10, 1974

MEETING WITH SIX MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
RE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

October 11, 1974

9:25 A.M. (10 Minutes)

The Oval Office

Via: William E. Timmons
Max L. Friedersdorf

From: Vern Loen

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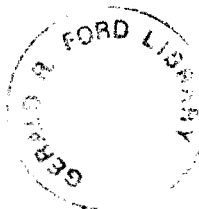
I. PURPOSE

To discuss the pros and cons of 200-mile ocean fishing limit favored by these Congressmen.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. By letter dated August 21, 1974, these Members asked for a meeting with the President to discuss the stalemated United Nations Law of the Sea Conference recently concluded in Caracas, Venezuela. There was little agreement on fisheries jurisdiction and conservation measures.
2. These Members all represent coastal districts with important fishing industries. The concept of a 200-mile ocean fishing limit is very popular with them and their constituents.
3. Senator Warren Magnuson recently succeeded in heading off legislation to establish the 200-mile limit for the United States. Such a step has also been taken unilaterally by a number of nations to control flagrant fishing abuses by foreigners.



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Vern Loen (Staff)
- C. Press Plan: White House photo only (at their request).

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Gentlemen, I am sorry it has taken so long to set up this meeting because I know the abuse of fishing right off our coasts is of vital concern to each of you.
2. General Scowcroft and I are certainly sympathetic toward your concerns; however, we also are most cognizant of the international implications of a 200-mile limit.
3. I shall be discussing this subject with the Japanese leaders during my forthcoming visit. You may be sure that your views will be kept in mind as our policy is formulated.



P/ Fisheries Commission

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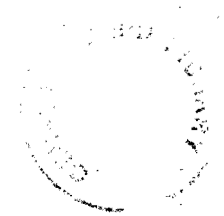
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(2) How can we tell them we will take this matter
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