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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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His Excellency John Gerald Molloy, Irish Ambassador to the U.S.

Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME:

Monday, March 17, 1975

8:50 a.m.

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