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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Khalid Muhammad Jaffar, Kuwaiti Ambassador  
to the United States  
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant  
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 14, 1975  
4:00 p.m. (Presentation of Credentials)

PLACE: The Oval Office  
The White House

Jaffar: May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy birthday.

[The press entered.]

The President: Thank you very much. It is a pleasure to have you here representing your country. I am looking forward to getting to know you.

Jaffar: Thank you very much. It is a great honor and I hope I will be worthy of it.

The President: Have you been here before? I hope you will travel a lot.

[The press left the room.]

Jaffar: Yes, I came as a tourist in 1969. But I have two sons who were educated here. One now is at the University of San Diego.

The President: I have never been to Kuwait but I have read a great deal about your country and the wonderful work you are doing.

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Jaffar: Thank you. We are outnumbered by expatriates, but we make them welcome.

The President: You are doing much to help the developing countries.

Jaffar: Yes. We have a capital fund of over \$3 billion. It used to be only for the Arabs but is now also for Africa and Asians alike.

The President: How many people are there in Kuwait?

Jaffar: Three-quarters of a million at the last census, but there may be over a million now. We have many nationalities in our country. There is no prejudice on race or politics. We have American and Chinese goods side by side.

The President: I hope ours sell better.

Jaffar: They do, but the Chinese imitate them.

The President: When I was in China in 1972, I was impressed with the diligence of the workers.

Jaffar: They distinguish themselves as merchants for honesty. They will keep their bargains.

P/ Arab. Jarra (Kumant) ✓

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P Pass in

P Thank you very much. It is ~~very~~ pleasure to have you representing your country. I looking forward to getting to know you.

J Thank you very much - It a great honor & I hope I will be worthy.

P Been here before? I hope you will travel a bit. (Pass out)

J Yes. as tourist, in 1967. But I have 2 sons educated here. One now in U of San Diego.

P I would love to Kumant but I have read part deal about your country & a wonderful work you doing.

J Thank you. We are overwhelmed by expatriates, but we make them welcome.

P You are doing much w/ LDCs

J Yes. We have a regional fund of over \$ bil. used to be only for Arabs but now also for Africa & Latin Am.

P How many people?

J 3/4 mil at best census, but maybe over 1 mil now. We have many nations in one country. No prejudice on race or on politics. We have U.S. Chinese goals side by side.

P Hope ours sell better.

J They do, but Chinese markets them.



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w/ the diligence of the workers

2. They distinguish themselves as merchants for  
honesty. They will keep their honesty.

