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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford  
Lowell Thomas  
Ronald Nessen, Press Secretary  
to the President  
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft,  
Assistant to the President

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, November 8, 1975  
10:39 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

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When Israel celebrated its fifth anniversary, I was asked to speak. I said they should know three things: The Israeli people deserved more land than a postage stamp; it was too bad Israel was in a sea of Arabs; and there should be three statues in Jerusalem -- one of Weizmann, one of Allenby, and one of Lawrence.

[He told some anecdotes about the humanitarian committee in Jerusalem.]

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[More small talk]

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Small talk about skiing

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I am one of a few survivors of the Albany  
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When I returned to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, I was asked to  
speak. I said they should know 3 things: I prefer  
disembarkment over the postage stamp; too bad I'm  
a son of Anan; should be 3 statues in Jerusalem -  
Columbus, Albany, Lawrence.

(Anecdotes about humanitarian work in Jerusalem)

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