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## MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford

Ambassador Robert Anderson, Ambassador to Morocco

Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for

National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME:

Monday, February 23, 1976

12:00 noon

PLACE:

The Oval Office

Anderson: It was great of you to see me, Mr. President.

President: When are you leaving?

Anderson: Wednesday. I want to go through New York and talk to the bankers. We want to get investment in there.

<u>President:</u> You are moving into a potential hot spot. Would you please tell King Hassan for me that we support him and we are prepared to accelerate sending equipment there, and we will facilitate help from Iran and Jordan. But we hope the Sahara situation can be resolved in a reasonable way. It has been quiet the past few days.

Anderson: Yes. I don't think anything will come of the Iran/Jordan F-5 bit. There is a big price differential and I hope we can stay out of it.

President: Who is supporting Algeria?

Anderson: Of the Arabs, only Khaddafi, who is pouring money and equipment in. All of the other Arabs are supporting Morocco. It is a ticklish problem but I think it will not get to the point of real fighting between Algeria and Morocco.

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<u>President:</u> Well, I am pleased you are going there and I'm sure you will do an outstanding job. Don't they have good golf courses there?

Anderson: Yes. And skiing too. And you can do them at the same time. Keep it in mind, Mr. President.

President: [Laughs] Be sure to give the King my very best wishes.

Anderson: Again, Mr. President, thank you for your confidence in me.

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