

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

**PARTICIPANTS:** President Ford  
Albert Fay, Ambassador to Trinidad  
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, April 22, 1976  
12:15 - 12:40 a. m.

**PLACE:** The Oval Office

The President: I have known how much you have wanted to serve the country and I am delighted to hear you are enjoying it.

Fay: Yes, I am. It is a great opportunity and I am gratified with the opportunity.

I want to help you in the campaign to the extent I can legally. The problem is it is hard to find out.

[Discussion of politicking]

Fay: I have two requests: an autographed picture and a greeting for the Prime Minister.

The President: Of course, I remember my meeting with him a year or so ago. He is very articulate and impressive man.

Fay: He is having an election by September.

The President: Do they have a really democratic system?

Fay: Oh yes. They are very British about it. I want to help you all I can. I am going down there for three days. I have already voted.

The President: Is Reagan making headway with his attacks on Panama and defense?

Fay: Some, on Panama.

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P/Armb. Fay

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P I have been ~~been~~ much you have wanted  
to see a copy & I delight to know you  
are enjoying it.

F Yes, I ~~am~~ am. It is a great opportunity & I  
am qualified w/c of pa.

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find out.

(Discussion of potential)

F I have 2 requests: an autographed picture  
& a picture for PA

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a year or so ago. He is a very articulate  
& impressive man

F He having an election by Sept.

P ~~Do~~ Do they have a really damn system?

F Oh yes. They are very British about it.

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P & Reagan making headlines w/ his attacks  
on Panama & expense?

F Sure, on Panama -



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