

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Ambassador Henry Catto, Chief of Protocol
Major General Padma Bahadur Khatri,
Appointed Ambassador of the Kingdom of Nepal
Adolf Dubs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for
Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 23, 1976
2:30 - 3:05 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

SUBJECT: Presentation of Credentials



[The press came in. There was some small talk about the mountains of Nepal, the snow, and the Ambassador's previous tour here. The press then left.]

President: It is nice to welcome you here. I would be happy to discuss our problems, but I think there are no problems between us.

Khatri: We are very fortunate to have you as one of our friends. We have no problems between us. We would like to obtain some development aid. We have similar objectives about development.

President: We sent a delegation to the Coronation last year. They came back with glowing reports of your country and your hospitality. We are very shortly going to propose a new Ambassador to your country.

Khatri: You have always sent very fine Ambassadors to us. I remember that fine lady Ambassador Laise.

President: Yes. She was married to Ambassador Bunker while they were both on station. It must have been an awkward family life.

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Arab. previous times here
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