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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
 Amb. Francis E. Meloy, Jr., US Ambassador to Lebanon
 Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State
 Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE & TIME: Monday - May 10, 1976
 10:20 - 10:29 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

[The press entered. The President began a discussion of Guatemala relief efforts. The press departed.]

Meloy: Our military did a fantastic job there. It made you proud to be an American. Several Latin American Ambassadors came up to me to say "we criticize the US, but when we are in trouble, we always turn to you."

President: How are we doing in Italy[in response to the earthquake]?

Scowcroft: We have used our troops and equipment, especially helicopters. Also about 10,000 tents. We don't yet have very specific requirements.

Meloy: In Guatemala we are doing what will have the maximum impact.

President: You will be replacing Dean Brown who has done a fantastic job. Our role has been just right. Please give [newly-elected President] Sarkis my best. We hope that order can be restored and we support his efforts to restore an effective government and we will do all we can to help.

Kissinger: I told the President the French are thinking of putting troops into Beirut. That could keep the Syrians in the east part of the country. Giscard will want to talk about it. The French will have to continue to walk through this mine field that we have been negotiating.

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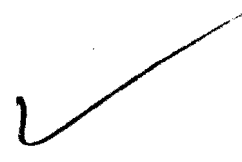
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P You need to replace Bean who has done a fantastic job. Our role has been just right. Please give Sarchie my best. We hope that a deal can be reached & we support his efforts to restore effective govt & will do all we can to help.

K I talk a lot & I'm not thinking of putting troops into Beirut. That could keep a Synners in a lost part of country. General will want to talk about it. Frank will have to continue to walk thru this very field that we have been negotiating.

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