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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
 Amb. Maurice Athelstan King, Ambassador of Barbados
 Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
 Amb. Henry E. Catto, Jr., Chief of Protocol
 William D. Rogers, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Monday, February 9, 1976
 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

[The press was admitted briefly. There was small talk about the White House and the Ambassador's schooling in Great Britain. The press then left.]

King: Usually the only students who got to Great Britain were those who could get scholarships or who were rich.

President: It is great to have you here and we welcome you in the interest of good and better relations. I am not aware of any problems between us.

King: I think there are none and none in prospect.

President: The situation in Guatemala after the earthquake is very bad.

King: It is very bad. There is no guarantee it is all over, either. A couple of other countries have had shocks as well.

President: Is that right? It was very widespread in Guatemala -- right down the major highway. Where the heaviest concentration of population is.

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King: Any results from the campaign yesterday?

President: I don't know. It was cool, but not really very sharp.

We look forward to working with you.

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P Is that right? It was very widespread
in Amsterdam - night during major
highway. Where the heaviest concentration
of population (Scullerys)

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