

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION
TELEPHONE CALL FROM AMB. KINGDON GOULD
SEPTEMBER 14, 1974

Kingdon Gould called me on Friday or Saturday night saying that the country was kind of upside down up there because of the attack on the French Embassy, that he had a command post operating and that they were holding hostages in the French Embassy. He said everyone in the Government was involved in it and he was concerned about the flash message he got from Washington concerning the Goodpaster/Haig thing. I told him "Look, there had been a meeting on Friday of the Council of Ministers out there and he ought to be able to find out." It was on the agenda, and he ought to be able to find out whether or not they dealt with it. My guess is that it was dealt with before this French Embassy ever arose at 6:00 PM. I told him I would check with Hartogh on Monday, but that I would like him to go ahead and pursue it. He called me back later that night saying he had checked and that they had agreed to it but that they hoped it would be on the 15th. He called me back Saturday night at 9:20 PM after his first phone call.

