

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Gerald Ford
Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and
Assistant to the President
Senator Henry M. Jackson (D.-Wash)
Senator Jacob Javits (R.-N.Y.)
Congressman Charles Vanik (D.-Ohio)
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Friday, October 18, 1974
10:00 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

President: Is the Congress going to quit today?

Jackson: We are already out. We passed the continuing resolution on a voice vote. We didn't have a quorum.

[The press comes in and takes photographs and is then dismissed.]

President: I understand we initially are over the brink.

Jackson: I understand there is one question on whether Congress should act in 30 or 90 days. Let's compromise on 60.

Vanik: We can't turn around in 30 days.

President: In a compromising manner let's make it 45.

Jackson: There is a growing feeling we will get a reaction on this. Byrd is increasingly opposed.

Vanik: We can't make it in 30 days.

President: But 45 days is a month and a half.



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Javits: The first period is long. Let's make it 45 days, since it is in full career. After that, when it is an annual matter, make it 60 days.

Jackson: You would change the 90 to 45 days in the first time around, and have the periodic vote at 60 days?

Javits: Yes. Is that okay, Mr. President?

President: Let's run through the paper.

Jackson: Paragraph 1. If Congress hasn't acted within the 18 months, you can extend to 60 days. Then if Congress doesn't act it will continue unless there is a veto within 45 days. Thereafter it is annually.

Javits: Then it would be 60 days. In paragraph 5.

President: And 45 days in paragraph 4.

Kissinger: Really 60 days and 45 days in paragraph 4.

President: What is the procedure in the Senate? Will this be done in committee or on the floor?

Jackson: I will offer this on the floor.

President: You will chair with Mike and you [Javits] with Hugh.

Jackson: Yes.

Javits: Yes.

President: What about Long?

Jackson: There is no problem with him. The problem is the trade bill itself.

President: You can help there.

Jackson: I have kept Long informed and Javits has Bennett. If we did it in Committee, it would get botched up.

President: You will let us see the language?

Jackson: We will work it out together.

President: It is complicated and we have to make it foolproof.



Javits: We will call a meeting of all our co-sponsors to explain this. Then we will do it in the House and Vanik can explain that.

Jackson: It strengthens the bill in the Senate.

President: I have to send a request 30 days before expiration. Then you must act within 60 days.

Javits: Yes, and if Congress doesn't act within 45 days, after 45 days after the 60 days

President: Then if we get by that, the 12 months starts after the 45 days?

Javits: Yes.

President: Then it goes back to 60 days as a regular matter.

Jackson: The whole thing is for five years.

Javits: This is historic. It's like Moses leading his people out of bondage. It's not only that Scoop made this, but it's a whole change in Soviet policy to open this to us.

President: I would like to thank Secretary Kissinger for working this out with Scoop. I agree it is a breakthrough. But this deal with Brezhnev

Jackson: I won't bring the Soviet Union in. I will talk about you and Dr. Kissinger. Brezhnev didn't help with that foul statement.

It is the first major effort in bipartisan policy in your Administration. You deserve a lot of credit.

I will make an opening statement, then Jake and then Charlie.

Vanik: I have been having my own problems.

[The conversation ended.]



Senators Jackson + Javits / Pres. / HAK
Fri., Oct. 18 - 10:00 a.m.
Congressman Vanick

P Going to govt. only

Jc not extremely out. Power / CR on exercise with - didn't have a question

(Press in)

(Matters about Gross + Woychik House + question ends)

(Press out)

(At Smith dinner)

H Surgeon coming to wife husband dinner
entire way of talking husband to room down

P Don't understand me entirely over a break

Jc Don't understand / position on whether I may should eat in 30 vs 90 days. Let's compromise

60

V We can't turn around in 30 days.

P In compromising manner lets make it

45

Jc There is a growing feeling we will get a reaction on this. ^{Byrd} ~~Byrd~~ ~~well~~ is increasingly opposed.

V We can't make it in 30.

P But 45 is a month + a half

Jc The 1st period is long. Lets make it 45 ⁴⁵ ~~45~~ days, since it is full career. After that, when it is annual matter, make it 60.

Jc You would average 30 to 45 in 1st time around + have a product at 60

Jc Yes. Is that OK Mr P.

P Let's run through paper.

Jc If you have a paper. If Congress hasn't acted ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ in 18 weeks, you can't extend 60 days. Then

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with w/ in 45. Thereafter annually
for Truman would be 60, for years 5,
P and 45 in para 4

R Really 60 and 45 in para 4.

P What procedure in Senate? Will this be done
in letter or floor. ~~*~~

Jr I would offer this one floor.

P You will change w/ time + year (for) with Hugh
Jr Yes

P What about language.

Jr No problem for ~~part~~ part in trade bill itself.

P You can help there.

Jr I have kept being informed + Jk has been with.
If we did it in Senate, it would get better by.

P You would let us see language

Jr We will work it out together

P It emphasized + we have to make it part of
for all unity of all our co-sponsors to explain
Truman we will do it in House + I will see
again.

Jr It strengthens to bill in Senate.

P I have to read request 30 days before X present
Then you must act within 60 days.

Jr Yes, + if Congress doesn't act w/ in 45 days
after 45 days after = 60.

P Then if we get by that, a 12 vote starts
after = 45 days?

Jr Yes.

P Then it goes back to 60 days regular vote.

Jr The whole thing is for 5 yrs.

JQ This is history. Like the more working people.
Not only that Sergio made this, but a whole
change in how policy is operated.

P. I like to thank K for making of Sergio I myself
at a breakfast. But this led w/ Bug.

Ja I want bring S U in. I will talk about
you + K. Bug didn't help w/ that / and
statement

It's first major effort in to justify
policy in your Admin. You deserve a
lot of credit.

I will make an opening statement, then John
+ then Charles.

V I don't bring any more part

P Did you + change a better

