

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
 Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State
 and Assistant to the President for National
 Security Affairs
 Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
 to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE & TIME: Saturday, January 18, 1975
 9:32 - 10:26 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
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President: I read that Genscher may be thrown out and his successor may shift to the CDU.

Kissinger: It's a distinct possibility. The basic problem came when the Grand Coalition was formed -- freezing out the Free Democrats. The Coalition drove the Free Democrats away from the CDU and made the SPD respectable. Still, the only way the SPD won is because there was a right-wing party in the elections. Schmidt is making the SPD look better than it is.



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Kissinger: He stays in the background, but he controls the party. He was a Communist until 1945. I know him very well -- he may still be one.

The Free Democrats' decision will depend on the spring election in Rhineland-Westphalia. The CDU leadership -- except Strauss -- is not very good.

Have you looked at the Panama paper?

President: I wanted a little more information on the details. But it seems to me the sooner we move the better.

Kissinger: I agree. Otherwise it's our colonial problem.

The key decision is the length of the treaty.

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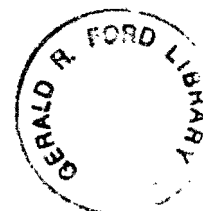
Kissinger: I notice Jackson is not in a hurry to start the Vladivostok hearings.

President: There was a good article on the Kennedy/Mondale resolution. I think things are settling down.

Kissinger: I have two personnel problems. Kintner. He has a drinking problem and has been weak, not tough.

President: If you think he should be replaced, go ahead.

Kissinger: Charlie Whitehouse should be a good replacement. He is a first-class guy. One other opening -- Brad Morse's term is up in New York.



President: He is a good friend of mine.

Kissinger: The Department wants to replace him, but he is okay.

President: I want to keep him.

Kissinger: A lot of my people are leaving because of pay.

President: It's a general problem. If Congress will go along with the 5% pay increase, we could combine the executive categories.

Kissinger: It is a serious problem.

On PL-480, I talked with Humphrey. He said to pick the high option and call Hesburgh and the Church groups and get credit for it. Humphrey will support us either way. But he doesn't want to make Vietnam one of the Most Seriously Affected. He says they are determined up there to lose Vietnam. He will work it out some way.

President: Prices have gone down in the last few days. If that continues... Brent, remind me about the Trade Representative to look at the commodity price, and see if we can get the same quantity for a lower price.

Kissinger: I am confused about why Allon went back happy. Either they have decided to give in or to stonewall. But we made it clear to him -- and we can't wait. We can't go to the Congress without progress, even for \$200 million.

President: I won't do it. When are you going?

Kissinger: I thought I would go right after Bhutto. I'll do it in two trips. I think it is too dangerous to try it in one trip.

On Bhutto, there is one big issue -- arms to Pakistan. India has built a psychology that it is wrong to sell arms to Pakistan. India is getting arms like crazy. The Indians will scream and the Indian friends in the Congress will too.

President: I am not sure the Indian lobby is that big now. I don't have any great sympathy for India.



Kissinger: It is not a really decisive issue. I can get you a paper on it.

President: I would like a paper. I tend to think we have leaned too much toward India anyway.



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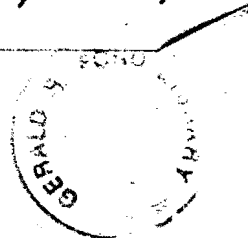
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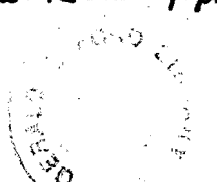
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