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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 AND TIME: Wednesday, April 30, 1975
9:21 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: Doc Morgan and Zablocki had had a vicious debate with O'Neill and Burton. They want to go through with the bill. They felt let down.

The President: We were in a bind yesterday.

Kissinger: What they are really against is sending the bill back to conference.

The President: Ken Keating has had a heart attack. Isn't this the time to move him? We need a vigorous man there [in Israel].

Kissinger: We could open up Australia.

The President: At the same time we have to replace these older people. Let's think about that.

Kissinger: We need someone there who won't blink, because it is going to get very nasty. You heard about the King's statement, and he is the most moderate of the Arabs.

The President: At some point, these old people have to quit.



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Also, Zahedi said he heard we were changing our gift policy. I told him to talk with State.

Kissinger: Exactly.

The President: I would like to.

Kissinger: I think for the greatest country in the world to prohibit itself from giving gifts. . .

The President: Didn't we have a meeting?

Scowcroft: Yes.

[Discussion of modifying the policy statement on gifts.]

Kissinger: We have to discuss how to handle the refugee bill.

The President: I think we should go in with a new bill.

Kissinger: The problem with that is to add a prohibition on aid with Vietnam.

The President: The quickest way would be to push the bill through with a letter from me.

Kissinger: One drawback is an implication that Congress must approve the use of force even if it's within the War Powers Act. But we can say that was only because of the Indonesia restrictions, not the War Powers. We could have a statement on the floor which would make that point.

The President: Did you see Evans and Novak? Dinitz shouldn't like that.

Kissinger: We are getting in better shape with people like Wasserman and Ziffren. When even moderates like Hussein are so despairing.

The President: I am meeting with the Egyptian Parliamentarians.

Kissinger: I would thank them for Sadat receiving the Congressmen. You could also say what you told the King -- that you won't tolerate a stalemate.

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[Some talk of McGovern and Humphrey.]

I would say one of the most important world developments in recent years is the new relationship between the United States and Egypt.

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