

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State
Amb. Herman F. Eilts, American
Ambassador to Egypt
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the
President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 9, 1976
10:45 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: I know you have talked to Henry, but there are a couple of things you can carry to Sadat from me. We are going all out on the C-130. The Jews will not dissuade us from that. Sadat must understand though, that we will have to rest on this until after the election.

Eilts: Hou about the training?

Scowcroft: That is included.

The President: What does that consist of?

Eilts: Mostly officer training at Leavenworth.

The President: We will work as hard as we can for substantial moves on all three fronts in return for nonbelligerency. It won't be easy with the Israelis, but if it doesn't work we may have to be more extreme after the election.

Kissinger: Point out that this is not an Israeli plan we are selling. We had to cram it down Rabin's throat.

The President: Henry told me about your question about the Sadat speech condemning the Soviet Union. Henry recommends we not advise him but give him the pros and cons. Just between us, I think he should do it, but we shouldn't be in a position of twisting his arm.

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Kissinger: You could lean that way without being specific. You could say you see no further harm from it and it will help here, but he is the best judge of the reaction in the Arab world.

The President: I understand Fahmy is opposed to it.

Eilts: Yes. Primarily because of the military. He is afraid it will mean the permanent cutoff of all military equipment and parts. He feels strongly about it and he may be able to talk Sadat out of it. Gamasy doesn't know about it. Mubarek is in favor of it.

The President: I thought he was impressive.

Eilts: He is being brought in more and more.

The President: How about these Libyan arrests?

Eilts: The Egyptians brought to Egypt a member of the Revolutionary Command Council who fled, in hopes of undermining Khaddafi. Khaddafi has had assassination squads after him and these arrests are apparently linked to that. Sadat thinks this RCC guy has damaging information which would undermine Khaddafi. He is just waiting for the right time to spring it.

The President: Was he happy with his trip here?

Eilts: He is still glowing from it.

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