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PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

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The Oval Office

[Discussion of Carter and politics]

Kissinger: [Bitched a little about the soybean decision].

You noted the UN vote on the Israeli raid in Uganda.

You should make an appeal to Schmidt on helping Egypt.

President: By all means.

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Kissinger: If only Genscher is present, you can be frank with him about Southern Africa. Would it make a difference if I went to Africa before the convention? I wouldn't go unless there would be results.

President: I think it will be good whenever it happens.

<u>Kissinger</u>: The issue might be ripe about the time of my trip to Iran. I would also go to Kabul and Islamabad. Then I could go to South Africa, then to Asia or come home.

<u>President:</u> If there would be visible results, I certainly think it would be good to go to South Africa.

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<u>Kissinger:</u> [Described the Robinson guarantee plan for Rhodesia.] The British are the wild card, but it is really going well.

[More discussion about the Rhodesian arrangement.]

The best would be to go to Africa after Iran. If it delays much beyond that, the whole scheme is in trouble.

One of the elements is getting the guerrillas to stop fighting. But we are working well with Nyerere and Kaunda. I notice Nyerere is starting to cater less to Machel. The British want to dump Smith right away.

President: Isn't that bad?

<u>Kissinger</u>: Yes, it's better to use his departure as a bargaining tool. The British have ideological problems. But they can't do much there because it will be up to Vorster. Their Ambassador [Botha] has gone home to check and he'll report back to us next week.



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