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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE AND TIME: Friday, December 3, 1976
9:59 - 10:42 a. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Jack said how great you treated him [at the Lopez Portillo inauguration, December 1.]

Kissinger: I was embarrassed by the attention the Mexicans gave Mrs. Carter, so I took him with me.

The President: Well, he really appreciated it. The whole thing tore at his heart.

Kissinger: It had to be a heartbreak, but he behaved magnificently.

The President: How did you make out with Rosalynn?

Kissinger: She was actually quite nice. I got the impression that he has been telling her how to stand, what to say, which side to present to the camera, until she is stiff as a board. But believe me, she knows nothing. Her whole world is rural Georgia. You can't believe the things she asked me.

The President: Actually, in that regard I feel a little sorry for them.

Kissinger: We will announce agreement in principle with the Philippines Saturday. We offered them \$1 billion and they asked for \$2 billion. I said okay, deal with Carter. Then I told Romulo he was crazy;

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Carter would budget them on human rights, etc. He bought our proposals in Mexico City totally.

The President: That is good. We will keep on doing business until January 20th.

Kissinger: I told you, I am so worried about this gang. They are children, and with this pro-Soviet attitude, they will drive the Chinese wild.

[More discussion]

The President: How are things going in Southern Africa?

Kissinger: If you had been reelected, I could wind it up in two weeks. I would have said: one Cuban soldier in Mozambique and we would do something, and if they froze the Rhodesian thing we would insure it would be bloody. But with the Carter people all catering to the blacks, it encourages the radicals.

The President: How about the British?

Kissinger: They are making a mess of it, but it may work out. I don't think at this point we can really do much except keep it going. I think we shouldn't now put ourselves in the front line. On the Namibia thing, they are asking us to call a conference, but we would be crazy to do it. We'd get a repetition of the Rhodesia thing.

I talked to the Saudi Ambassador. He said you were very impressive but the steel price increase was killing them.

The President: I raised hell with my people about that. It is outrageous. Should I get Zahedi in?

Kissinger: I think so, just so we keep the record straight. I think the Shah has the message. He is talking 10% now, so I would guess it will be 7-8%.

The President: Okay, let's get him in, but it gripes me when our people pull the rug out from under me.

Brent has told you about the British developments. I think it's going well.



Kissinger: I agree it is. But I think if they get this IMF deal, you should move on the safety net.

The President: I intend to. I told Simon.

Scowcroft: I am having a meeting at 11:00 to pass out your directives.



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