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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and
Assistant to the President for National
Security Affairs
James Schlesinger, Secretary of Defense
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs
Major General John Wickham, Military Assistant, SecDef

DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 23, 1973
[Breakfast]

PLACE: The Pentagon

Schlesinger: Bob Hill must leave [ISA]. Would Porter be interested?
Sonnenfeldt?

Kissinger: I will make Sonnenfeldt Counselor. Or Sisco, what do you
think?

Schlesinger: I like Porter better.

Kissinger: On the Middle East, we must treat the Europeans as adversaries.

Schlesinger: The Germans and Dutch are okay.

Kissinger: Most of the Europeans tell us that they like us but can do
nothing, [REDACTED]

Schlesinger: I can't figure the British.

Kissinger: Heath is the first Prime Minister who has no special American
ties. He is a Gaullist. Home is basically U.S.-minded. I think the Bri-
tish have decided to be wholly European. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Do you know the British actually drafted the U.S. -Soviet nuclear agreement? The British are frustrated in the Middle East because they don't have the power to stand off the Soviet Union, have no influence on Israel, [REDACTED]

How are these NATO meetings conducted? We must follow the same line.

I plan to be tough. Everything we have offered is still open, but it is no longer a free ride. A quid pro quo for everything. The Europeans want to go to a peace conference. Egypt doesn't want them to go there but don't want the onus of saying no.

Schlesinger: Have you seen the Thatch reports? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kissinger: [Tells the story of the British on the ceasefire.]

Jobert said the French didn't want to do anything on the Middle East -- it all depended on what we and the Soviet Union decided.

The Germans will be okay. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Schlesinger: The French represent what we really have to counter.

Kissinger: And the British.

Schlesinger: The British are not by nature obnoxious.

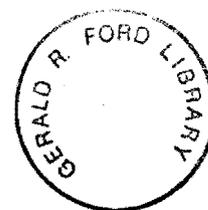
Specifically, where do we want to go? First is the intelligence relationship.

Kissinger: Throttle it down.

Take our trilateral declaration -- you know what the Europeans did.

Mao told me that if we competed over Japan, it would bring on Japanese nationalism. So he said they wouldn't compete with us.

Schlesinger: What is the power structure in the European Community? The Common Market has a bureaucracy also.



Kissinger: This would have come from the political directors.

What goes into the declarations makes no difference -- it is how you treat it. Like the Shanghai Communique.

The Europeans are trying to find their identity. It is too dangerous to oppose the Soviet Union, but to oppose us is free.

Can we get a paper from Colby on the steps to cut down?

Schlesinger: [REDACTED] We should say reciprocity is the word.

Kissinger: We should apply it differentially. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Let us talk about the Chinese.

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Could you tell us what we could do with the Chinese if they say they want to talk? Like Hot Lines?

It is healthier to have the liberals taking a tough line and that we be on detente, so we don't want a right wing SALT position.

The proposals of the JCS are absurd.

Schlesinger: The questions for today are a December or January resumption and a counterproposal.

Kissinger: I am against it. If it is tough, it is a check list against which our fall-off position can be read.

I hear you are dropping the idea to rebuild 76 B-52s.

Schlesinger: No. I want to maintain the B-52s. I think the problem is Mahon. If we could meet with Mahon and Pastore, I think we could turn him around.

How about destroyers for Chile?

Kissinger: They must go. Who is responsible?

Wickham: A guy named Street.



(Find out who is behind it.)

Kissinger: Symington can be brought along. If you want to do something, don't take no from the State bureaucracy.

Schlesinger: Okay. How about the Canadians? McDonald practically invited the Arabs to apply pressure. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kissinger: We have been the greatest sap -- conciliating everyone. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Schlesinger: We also need some incentives. Find out what we want. Cyprus base rights, for example.
[REDACTED]

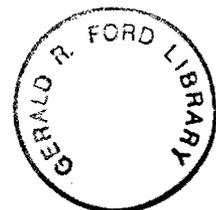
Kissinger: How was Carrington?

Schlesinger: Good until I posted him. The military is for us, though.

Kissinger: Given the collapse of authority, if we show weakness they will all come after us.

Schlesinger: But we can't show petulance.

Kissinger: No, I am speaking before the Pilgrims in December. My speech will be laying out our problems, more in sorrow than in anger.



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