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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. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs
DATE AND TIME: Wednesday - February 5, 1975
9:48 - 10:29 a. m.
PLACE: The Oval Office

The White House

<u>The President:</u> Should we set up something with Morgan, Broomfield, Sparkman and Case?

Kissinger: Yes, tomorrow.

[He reads to the President the cable sent to Koruturk and the answer.]

The damage we are doing is beyond calculation.

The President: Let's get these people down here.

Kissinger: If you want an issue, let it go.

<u>The President</u>: I don't want an issue, I want results. We have to get something started.

<u>Kissinger</u>: Brademas said they have the votes to block a waiver. I'm beginning to doubt it.

The President: Nobody stood up this morning. I think we can turn it around.

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<u>Kissinger:</u> Now Bhutto. He is a very able man -- and he is well connected with the Chinese.

I hinted to the Congressional group about a change in our policy on arms sales to Pakistan. No one objected and Hamilton supported it. Several asked what we get out of it. On the question of the announcement of it -- should we wait until after the Indian Foreign Minister is here in March? We could announce it in April. Tell him you will announce it in April, starting with defensive weapons, but gradually expanding. We frankly won't get much for it -- they have no where else to turn.

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I would ask him to survey the situation; then I would tell him about PL-480.

The President: How about Bangladesh?

<u>Kissinger</u>: We just heard they are willing to establish relations with Pakistan without conditions.

I met with twelve Congressmen yesterday. I was impressed with Inouye. I think he can be helpful to us. Mathias is a weakling.

I had lunch with Shultz. He met with the Shah, and if he could report to you.

The President: Set it up on Friday.

<u>Kissinger</u>: Shultz confirms my view of the Shah. Can we get Simon under control on his assault on OPEC countries?

The President: I want to tell him. I just haven't had the opportunity.

<u>Kissinger:</u> If you could tell him also about the floor price. He is for a sliding tariff and he is just pulling the rug out from under us.

We may have to stonewall the producers until we get everyone better organized. A sliding tariff -- and to keep the \$2.00 tax on imported oil -- it gives no good flexibility. We could play the game of lifting it for certain countries. If we used it ruthlessly, we can employ it to break the cartel.

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The President: Maybe we can use it in the talks with the Congress.

<u>Kissinger:</u> The Shah mentioned a long-term arrangement. This would be an opening.

But Simon has to get behind something like this.

I met with the Kendall Group (ECAT). I told them to get behind the President's program or we all will be in trouble.

<u>The President:</u> If we could get something on Turkish aid and the Trade Bill.

<u>Kissinger:</u> Linowitz, Javits, Ribicoff are going to Florida this weekend with the senior Jewish leaders to tell them they must get some Israeli flexibility. That they are isolating themselves.

<u>The President</u>: What is the significance of the story about Brezhnev going to Egypt?

Kissinger: I think it's sly.

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