

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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

DATE AND TIME: Friday, May 9, 1975
9:25 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

The President: I don't think they should testify. They aren't qualified.

Kissinger: All they can do is testify to the legal implications.

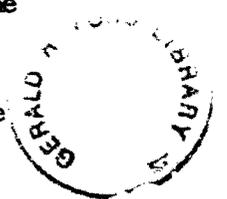
The President: Let's find out what the request actually says. If it is general, OK; if specific, no.

Kissinger: I recommend you see all the NATO leaders except Iceland, the Dutch and the Italians. A lot of time is worthwhile with Schmidt. Wilson is marginal. I recommend meeting with the head of the EC; Soames may be a big Conservative leader sometime. I don't think Margaret Thatcher will last. The Luxemborg Prime Minister should see you. He will be head of the General Assembly next year.

Wilson said Lee Kuan Yew gave a sour speech about the U. S. at the Commonwealth Conference. He felt he had bet on the wrong horse. I would tell him you have heard what he said and you would like his unvarnished views of what the situation is and how it might develop.

The President: In light of what Wilson said, I think he should tell me what he said.

Kissinger: Yes. It is not critical of you. He should tell us what he thinks we should do.



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The President: I am surprised they don't have relations with the Chinese.

Kissinger: The overseas Chinese orient toward the most powerful. Lee is worried that if the PRC gets in, he will lose control.

We have a DOD problem with Chile. They won't deliver on contracts made before the cutoff.

Scowcroft: Let's get a paper with different interpretations and get it in.

Kissinger: Can we do it while the Chilean is here?

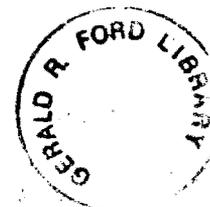
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The President: Will someone monitor the Giscard call?

Scowcroft: Not automatically.

The President: I think it should be.

Kissinger: I think you must be frank. You don't see how he could meet with CSCE and not with the West. I would not agree to meet with him before the fall.



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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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PLACE: The White House

President: I would just as soon stay in the Embassy in Brussels. I need to talk to Firestone.

Kissinger: We have a problem on that Congressional letter on Israel. It is very bad.

President: Can't we get Scott and Griffin to oppose it?

Kissinger: I asked Brent to talk to Max Fisher. Max thought it would be taken as an anti-Israeli move.

President: I think we ought to call Scott and Griffin.

Scowcroft: [Gave Fisher's argument.]

President: Once they have signed it, they can't get off the hook. I think I should call Scott and Griffin.

Kissinger: Another thing on the Israelis. We are testifying on the Romanian trade bill. I have the impression Jackson and the Jews are trying to blow up the Romanian deal to prove that you can't deal with the Soviet Union and have to support Israel completely. They are going through the same act as with the Soviet deal. It looks like Jewish groups are trying to blow up Romanian MFN.

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President: Don Kendall called. [He described Kendall's pitch on MFN]. I told him Dent ought to be used and I didn't think Simon had unusual clout. Do we have the language?

Kissinger: I don't think a language change will do it. We have to get Jackson-Vanik dropped. I think we need some progress in US-Soviet relations before we can move. If the Romanian deal falls through, we will suffer a massive setback.

President: Shouldn't we answer Kendall that we have to wait until the Romanian [deal] goes through?

Kissinger: I think we could send Dent up to start proselytizing. It won't do any harm -- although I don't know what we would propose.

I think you must tell that Rabin this interference in our domestic scene must stop. They are now on the kick that we must support Israel as only democratic. State in the area and the only way to prevent Soviet penetration. But the Israeli approach would guarantee Soviet influence in every Arab country in the Middle East.

On Portugal, the press now is saying I am the hardliner. I had an acrimonious debate with the British on it. I think if we indicate that the radicals are acceptable, the moderates will not resist. If you get a Portuguese government with Communists in key positions and that is accepted, you will see the same thing spreading in Europe. I don't have anything specific to suggest. I am almost alone on this. The Europeans want to cooperate. If we could get the Europeans in line, I would kick them [a Communist-dominated Portugal] out of NATO. You can't discuss things in NATO any more because Portugal is there. But you can talk to Schmidt and Giscard. Soares is a classic loser. There is nothing you can do at the moment. But this will be the next focal point of attack on me. I think we should hang back, discourage the Europeans from expanding their contacts except if there is a specific quid pro quo.

President: My impression is there is ecstasy there over the election.

Kissinger: But it didn't change a thing.

The President: The Europeans don't want to fact up to the problems.

Kissinger: I would be slightly cool to Dobrynin.



→ + Jerry Jones - P Don Bright ✓

P/R 9 May 75

9:26 am

P I don't think they should testify. They can't give evidence.

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K I mean you see all the NATO leaders except Ireland, Dutch, Greeks, lot of time w/ Schmidt. Wilson marginal. I mean, not w/ head of EC. Soames may be a big conservative leader sometimes I don't think Margaret Thatcher will last.

Let's PM should see you - will be head of GA next year. Wilson said let's give a some speech about US at Commonwealth Conf ~~about~~ - he had but a wrong hour. I would ~~not~~ tell him you have heard what he said + you would like his circumstances + views of what the sit is + how it might develop.

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But that opinion frustrates. We getting
news from which mostly, but we shall now
see ~~or~~ because we can't print straight
(Humb letter). Please give Ben Lee my
regards & best wishes on the birthday day
when was you.

D Lives a fighter apt engineer. I put
eye right only when I was 18 miles from
Moscow. We had a potato garden & my wife
& I dug in a garden.

And here a letter from our parliament to
all allied parliaments.

(Small talk about a future of Vlad)

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