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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Gerald R. 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: Thursday, August 7, 1975
9:30 - 10:21 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House



Kissinger: The argument is that their pushing to get out of Vietnam keeps me from getting us back in. They are spreading the rumor that I wanted to use the Nixon-Thieu letters to force you to get us back into Vietnam.

President: We have a serious problem with the East Wing. Nancy Ruwe just can't get along with the East Wing, so I have to let her go. I have got to find a place for her.

Kissinger: Maybe we can take her back. The problem is that Lucy Winchester has her job.

President: That would be good if you could.

Kissinger: Zarb and Greenspan are dragging their feet on the Iranian oil. I had a scenario ready and I have to get an answer to Ansary today. I have no doubt that they will approve it, but they want to prove their manhood. I would like to tell Ansary and you can rescind it tomorrow if you want.

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President: Tell Ansary to go ahead. Let me have a copy of the letter.

Kissinger: They will go along.

On the Soviet deal. It amounts to 100-150,000 barrels of oil per day or 5 million tons per year. Robinson has worked out a swap deal of grain for oil. But if we can get the oil at 25% below the market, I think we should forget a swap and just buy the oil and sell the grain. Greenspan thinks the idea has merit.

President: Is there any way we can put all the issues with the Soviet Union together and discuss the whole thing with them -- Portugal, grain, oil, SALT, MBFR, etc.?

Kissinger: I think Portugal is not a Soviet issue. It wouldn't go away if they stopped putting money in.

President: I agree with you on that.

Kissinger: They are willing to make a five-year grain deal. If we could get a 10 million ton oil deal, we might do it. But I don't think the Soviets have it to sell.

President: A SALT, oil and grain deal would be helpful. Also, MBFR.

Kissinger: On SALT, you will have to get Schlesinger in line.

I can't be the soft-on-Communism patsy.

President: I will call Schlesinger today.

Kissinger: I think if we somehow trade off the Backfire and cruise missiles....

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President: That is good for my American Legion speech. I told Bob to discuss it in detail with you.

Kissinger: We should review it in detail. There is an NSC meeting scheduled for Saturday. No particular reason for one, except to lay down the law.

President: Is it better to tell Schlesinger privately or in the NSC?

Scowcroft: There is merit in doing it in front of the Chairman. It gives him a chance -- if he is inclined to stand up to Schlesinger.

President: Let's have one.

Kissinger: Sum up, but say that to get a deal we need a new position on cruise missiles and Backfire.

The Israelis are leaking everything we gave them on Tuesday. It is hard to see how it can fail, but they are making it as tough as possible. If we get it, it's because Sadat is a great man. I think if we don't settle by the end of August, we should break it off and go for a comprehensive.

President: Let's press on. I am fed up with them.

Kissinger: Turkey is going very badly. Demirel is decent but Ecevit is demagoging. I am not sure they want to settle Cyprus and go after us. It looks like they maybe did make progress on Cyprus.

It is just as well we stay out of Cyprus. If the Greek-Americans scream about the settlement, we can say we could have done better.

I am worried about the Turkish domestic politics. I think it is too much to call Congress into special session, but we need a vote in the first week.

President: A special session would get Albert mad. It is not worth it.

Kissinger: You know my strategy for the UNGA Special Session. The specific issues will be presented at Vail. There are right now no big issues in the bureaucracy, but some will develop. One minor one is on the earnings stabilization fund. H_____ was in last year to see you and gave the impression we could fund it simply by reprogramming. That won't work because we won't get OPEC money that way. We will need \$200 million and Lynn doesn't like that. We would also want to make one commodity deal, simply for the politics. I don't know what yet, maybe copper.

On Panama, Defense is now on board. Clements and Brown have put together a land and water package. They want to go down right now.

I wouldn't do that. But send Torrijos a letter saying Bunker will resume negotiations in September. Send Clements and Brown down in September so it will look like we are getting ready to do things. Is that okay?

President: Yes.

Kissinger: You know we have been talking with the Cubans. You know we said we are willing to move on the basis of reciprocity. I said we would get in touch with them, but I have now said the next move is up to them.

President: I saw the Southern Airways going down to pick up their money.

Kissinger: Maybe I could meet with the Foreign Minister if he comes up for the UN session.

President: It would be all right if they have made some moves and if you do it privately.

Kissinger: It might leak.

President: Maybe not. They have been good so far, but it would be better if it is private.

Kissinger: The other issue is third-country trade with Cuba. We now have little reason for it. We could either change the rule or grant item-by-item exceptions. There are 21 pending.

President: Can we do it without fanfare?

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