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## MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION:

PARTICIPANTS:

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State

and Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

William T. Coleman, Jr., Secretary of

Transportation

John W. Barnum, Deputy Secretary of Transportation

Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME:

Monday, October 6, 1975

10:15 a.m.

PLACE:

Secretary Kissinger's Office

The White House

Coleman: There are several problems. The noise level of the Concorde is higher than they originally thought and higher than the standard for subsonic planes -- there is no supersonic standard. There is also an environmental impact statement that it will increase skin cancer by 200 cases a year. It uses a lot of fuel and there is a question of adequate reserves when it gets here. The FAA says it is okay.

Our feeling is that if the FAA and I decide it can come in, Congress will act against it and the President will be faced with a veto.

<u>Kissinger:</u> I would be happy to write a letter telling you the importance on foreign policy grounds.

<u>Coleman</u>: It would also hurt Pan American and TWA. I think you will have to have a fairly firm letter of the damage which would be done if refused.

Another issue is: what if Iran, for example, buys one? Would we let theirs in?

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<u>Kissinger:</u> Can't you establish limits on the numbers of planes which can land here?

Coleman: Should the President be involved?

Kissinger: I think we should outline it to him. I will mention it today.

Barnum: But we should think carefully whether he wants to be involved before he gets a bill.

Kissinger: If he wants to veto it, you are better off.

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