

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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

DATE AND TIME: October 10, 1975

PLACE: The Oval Office  
The White House

President: How about taking Lynn to China with me? It could be justified on the basis that I need to be working with him.

Kissinger: That is fine.

President: How about wives? I presume Nancy is going.

Kissinger: I'm not sure. It is nice of you. The Chinese wouldn't care.

President: How about Indonesia and the Philippines? I'd rather not.

Kissinger: It would be marginally useful, but not essential. The Vice President could do it.

President: Okay. I'd rather not. Can we stop in Alaska? Ted Stevens wants it.

Kissinger: That would be fine. Let's RON there and stick to the original schedule.

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On the grain deal -- it has not been brilliantly handled. We could have him [Robinson] initial and sign the letter of intent, in which case we'd probably never get a price deal. Or we could have Robinson go to the prepcon, and then return to Moscow Thursday and initial and sign the letter of intent. If you don't have to have it, it might be marginally better to go back Thursday.

President: We are under a lot of pressure.

Kissinger: Butz thinks he can manage with announcing the Polish deal.

Scowcroft: The longer it drags out the more it will look like a fight in which we caved.

President: Let's have Robinson initial and sign the letter of intent by Sunday.

Kissinger: Okay. I will check once more before the final decision.

On Antunes. He is far left by ordinary standards, but he is probably the best we have. We have approved an increase in aid to \$55 million, which makes a total of \$85 -- a big increase. It looks to me like the Communists have decided to make a stand and we could end up with a civil war.

[General Scowcroft left for a moment.]

There is a bill to make the Treasury a member of the NSC. I think it should be left up to you.

President: No.

Kissinger: You should show Antunes we are behind him.

On King Olav, they are in a dispute with the Soviets about Sualbard. Can he talk politics?

Scowcroft: He's not restricted like the Japanese Emperor, but he can't talk with authority.



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P How about taking by air to China w/ me. It would be justified on basis ~~of~~ I need to be working w/ team

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P How about Indonesia + Philippines. I'd rather not.

K It marginally useful, but not essential. VP could do it.

P OK. I'd rather not. Can we stop in Alaska? Ted Stevens wants it.

K That could be fine. Let's look ~~in~~ those and stick to original schedule.

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BY          NARA DATE 4/4/04



\* ~~Simple status report~~

- Tschirwin directive -

Draft a reply

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which apply to ~~that~~ ~~part~~ ~~of~~ ~~an~~ ~~apply~~  
to ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~form~~

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(I left)

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