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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, April 21, 1976  
9:20-9:55 a. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

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President: I agree. We had quite a battle over it, but Brent and I won.

Kissinger: I am having a bureaucratic brawl with Dent. I have cut off his cables. I think it is an issue of principle. If we give Long cables, we soon will have to do it in all other areas.

President: Could we separate the MTN cables from other cables? Why does he need anything else?

Kissinger: It isn't the sensitivity, it is a matter of principle. If this continues, Cabinet officers will soon be claiming a legislative mandate against the President.

Scowcroft: I agree it is a basic issue of your authority.

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President: Is your security adequate?

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President: Go ahead.

Kissinger: But you could get some flak here. Basically I am with the whites in Southern Africa. I think it is no better for the majority to oppress the minority than vice versa. But in my comments I will support majority rule in Rhodesia. I will say the same about South Africa, but softer. I will strongly support repeal of the Byrd Amendment, sending an emissary to Smith, and giving economic aid to countries that have joined the blockade of Rhodesia. It will be something of a sensation.

President: Do we have to send an emissary?

Kissinger: That is about the only thing we can do. Well, we can do those three things.

President: Byrd repeal we are openly supporting. To me the blockade aid sounds worse.

Kissinger: We are committed to that as part of UN action.

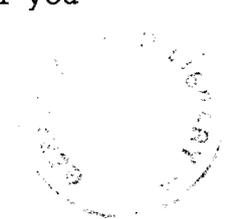
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President: Okay.

Kissinger: The contingency plans aren't doing well. On Cuba, no one but you and I are in favor of cracking the Cubans. I would like to order the interagency group to produce contingencies for you whether they like it or not or agree with it or not.



President: You know how I feel about that. By all means go ahead.

Kissinger: I was wondering also about my meeting with Gromyko. I think we should try to calm them down. If they decide a Democrat is better, they could make trouble for you. I could do it after NATO or OECD and in Helsinki or Vienna.

Scowcroft: I wouldn't do it in conjunction with NATO.

President: When do we have to decide? I don't feel strongly about the time, but I wouldn't do it in Helsinki.

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