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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 AND TIME: Tuesday, November 16, 1976  
10:36 - 11:18 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: [Discussion of Carter press conference.] He wants to pocket everything you have done. Carter has proposed a freeze on nuclear weapons. That would freeze us at 2150 and them at 2650. We would have probably to give up Trident, the B-1, and cruise missiles.

It's the same in Europe. We'll have Haig over. We must move forward and strengthen our forces against a surprise attack. [More discussion]

President: What about Harold Lever?

Kissinger: I will give you the political argument. I don't think you should carry the can on this one. I would not weaken now. Tell Lever you will think about it and then write Callaghan to negotiate with the IMF. If that fails, you may have to tell Burns to roll over the debt for a couple of months. I don't think you should have this on your hands -- possibly the fall of a government under very adverse circumstances.

Scowcroft: Simon was actually quite mild with Lever.

Kissinger: I asked him to be. If we turn down the British, it should not be to Lever -- he has a monumental ego and we don't want him going back saying he was kicked in the teeth.

[Callaghan calls]

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[The President said he would be sympathetic -- he'll listen to Lever and write Callaghan a note.]

President: He said Healey was meeting with the IMF people today.

Kissinger: I don't know if what Burns and Simon want is doable politically. Maybe it's necessary, but I don't see why you should cram it down their throats.

President: Let me ask about the South Korean and Park Chung Hee thing. Won't it blow big?

Kissinger: It involves the Democrats. It won't blow under a Democratic Attorney General.

[Discussion of personal finances, President being active in the party, etc.]

Kissinger: The Israelis are bitching about our UN action. We had to do it.

President: I am completely in favor. We have to do what's right.

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~~Mr. K~~

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K (Discussion of Carter files cont'd) He wants to  
protect everything going to his home.  
Carter has prepared a fuse on issues.

That would trigger at 2,500-2,650, we  
would have prob. to give up Trident, B-1,  
missile missiles.

Same in Eur. <sup>from own</sup> What were forward &  
strength against surprise attack.  
(some discussion)

P What about home?

K I will give you a pole argument. I  
don't think you should ever consider on  
this one.

I would not consider now. Tell Colleagues <sup>here</sup>  
you will think about it and then  
write Colleagues to negotiate w/FBI if  
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(Colleagues calls.)

(P. said he would try sympathetic - listen  
to fence & write Colleagues a note)

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P He said Nealy was only w/ RMT people today.

K I don't what Brown/Simon want us do - politically. I agree it necessary, but I don't see why you should cross it down their throats.

P Let me ask about the S. Area / Park Change H-thing. What is below big?

R It involves Denver. It won't blow under Denver City Court.

(Discussion of personal feelings, being active, etc)

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