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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Gerald 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: Friday, October 4, 1974
10:00 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger [re grain sales]: Most of my people think 500,000 tons is the maximum. Can we put out an instruction that the departments must clear contracts with NSC and State?

The President: I agree. Butz said nothing to me. We are having a Cabinet meeting Tuesday or Wednesday. I will make that perfectly clear.

Kissinger: We have an agreement from Algeria to establish diplomatic relations, so I'll stop there on my way back.

The President: I'll make it Monday or Tuesday.

Kissinger: We are having an NSC Monday on SALT. You will be faced with some unacceptable options from DOD. DOD proposes equal aggregates and 8 million units of throw weight. It can't possibly fly. We will clarify the options today for Monday. I told the Soviets we would give them two or three options by 10 October. I think we can get an agreement in 1975, but not with DOD support.

I have studied the options. I don't have one -- and you will get all the options. None of the DOD options are salable.



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The President: What they don't realize is the mood on the Hill. They all want to cut defense.

Kissinger: The JCS option of equal aggregate is a Jackson position -- with those implications. It would reduce us by 150 and them by 550. It will never be accepted.

The President: Would you give me the area where there could be an agreement?

Kissinger: I can give you ball park ideas -- two of them. I will need an hour before the NSC meeting.

On Whitlam. He is very attractive. Labor has an unpleasant left wing. He began as anti-American. He found it wasn't popular so he wants now to demonstrate he has American support. His tendencies are bad, but if he doesn't get worse we can live with it.

We have two vital installations; you might give him a push on this. He opposes us being in the Indian Ocean. The Chinese told us they think Diego Garcia is a good idea. They tried to say the Soviets in the Indian Ocean were a greater threat to us. On Formosa they professed not to be in a hurry -- so why should we be. They asked that Mao's greeting be given to you, which is politically significant.

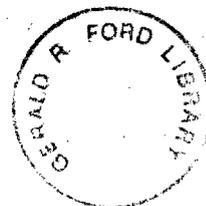
The President: Tomorrow with Fahmi . . .

Kissinger: You should hear from him what is in Egypt's mind.

You won't stand for an Israeli attack on Syria. You will get some equipment to them after the first of the year. There will be a major effort to get another phase with Israel. In the UN there will be a PLO resolution. I reluctantly think we should veto against it. We take a lot of flak if we do. Tell Fahmi it gives us an impossible domestic situation.

I am sure you will have a confrontation with the Jews within six months, but not before an election on this issue.

There have been a helluva lot of leaks. A cable from Moynihan, from Eilts, an NSC document, today one on missile firings, and D-class subs, etc. I was asked in the UN what kind of a government we were running when we have no discipline.



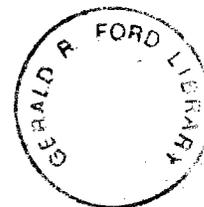
The President: Should I lay down the law at a Cabinet meeting?

Kissinger: I am cutting cable distribution -- for example, AID gets no policy documents. I think we should have an FBI investigation of the national security area. Gelb told Brent he was getting flooded with classified documents. State leaked a cable with a note from me.

The President: Give me a copy of the Israeli article.

This first time I have asked for FBI investigation. I will also raise at the Cabinet meeting.

Kissinger: At the NSC too.



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