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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 & TIME:

Friday - December 20, 1974

PLACE:

The Oval Office

<u>Kissinger:</u> After our talk I wrote warmly to Sadat on your behalf. Sadat has replied with a long letter. [He reads it to the President.] He suggests we go to Israel with an extreme position and then fall back. That is not the way to do it. Also he doesn't want to give any concessions to Israel; he'd rather give them to us.

Golda said "we have to get something for going back. Does the President want us to go back for nothing?" I said no. On Monday, I will tell Dobrynin we won't do anything before the Brezhnev visit. Let's see if Israel will give us something Sunday or Tuesday.

On Cyprus, the problem is that Denktash has been so tough it is awkward for him to back off. After today's meeting, announcement about regular talks should be made. Maybe there can be a deal by March.

I think a deal is doable with Sadat.

The Chilean aid cut is disastrous. I want us to do everything possible to get arms for Chile. They can buy commercially but Defense says they won't sell if there is any DOD component.

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The President: What about Ex-Im in the Trade Bill?

Kissinger: I'm afraid we have to buy it, but we can go in in January for a raised ceiling.

The President: How about the editorial on cargo preference? My problem is whether Long or Paul Hall thinks they have a deal.



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