

Scowcroft file

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

**PARTICIPANTS:** The President  
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and  
Assistant to the President for National Security  
Affairs  
Amb. Donald Rumsfeld, Assistant to the President  
John O. Marsh, Jr., Counsellor to the President  
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to  
the President for National Security Affairs

**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, February 21, 1975  
4:04-4:46 p.m.

**PLACE:** The Oval Office  
The White House

President: The question is how to plan how to meet the investigation on the CIA. It was my thought that I shouldn't urge it, you shouldn't, none of us should.

Rumsfeld: There will be six months to a year of a lot of work involving a number of agencies. This is not paydirt, but a damage-limiting operation for the President. We need a focal point here.

Kissinger: I agree.

Marsh: There is another aspect. We're being hit with privileged resolutions.

Obviously we need someone to corral this Silberman.

The President might bill him for CIA, or vice versa.

Rumsfeld: The Attorney General, Ruckelshaus, Areeda, or someone from outside, preferably a Democrat. Goodpaster.

Kissinger: Silberman would be a good Director of CIA.

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[ Marty Hoffman, Bill Hyland, and George Vest were also mentioned.  
The decision was for Silberman under a policy group of Kissinger,  
Schlesinger, Colby, the Attorney General and Marsh. ]



P/K/Russell/Marsh  
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investigation on CIA. It was my chat that  
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files should.

R There will be a need to get a lot of work involving  
a # of agencies.

This is not just a damage limiting operation.  
We need a good point.

K Layers

M There is another aspect. We bring in as privileged  
resolutions.

Obviously we need someone to read the  
Sullivan P. might bill him for CIA.  
(or vice versa)

R Atty Genl, Ruchelshaus, Arbely or someone  
from outside, preferably a Demo, Govd partner,

R Sullivan would be good to direct CIA.

Wendy Hopper

Bill Highland

George West.

Decision was for Sullivan under a policy  
group of R, S, C, Atty Genl, Marsh.

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