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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Gerald Ford
Senator Mike Mansfield
Senator John J. Sparkman
Senator Clifford P. Case
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State
and Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
Ambassador Donald Rumsfeld, Assistant
to the President
John Marsh, Counsellor to the President
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Friday, May 16, 1975
2:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

All: Congratulations [on the Mayaguez incident]!

The President: I think it created a good climate and provides protection against miscalculation. I thought we should meet to see what we can do about the Cyprus situation.

Secretary Kissinger is meeting in Ankara next week. I am meeting both the Greek and the Turkish Prime Ministers at NATO. I asked you to come here to see if some progress is possible in the Senate; then the Turks might move, and then we could move in the House shortly thereafter.

The choices, as I understand, are the Mansfield-Scott Bill, a waiver, and to lift the ban on sales.

Kissinger: A lift on sales makes more sense than a waiver.



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E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5
NSC Memo, 11/24/96, State Dept. Guidelines
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Mansfield: We did a head count. Scott has twenty-seven yeas. We will get some of the doubtfuls. It is coming up next Monday. We think we can finish in one day.

Sparkman: Eagleton told me he had the votes -- he would fight, but not viciously.

Mansfield: We have a time limit on the debate.

Kissinger: If we could get your bill passed, maybe by June there would be progress that the House could see.

Sparkman: When will you be in Brussels?

President: May 28-30 I will be in Brussels. Then I will be in Spain a day, then two days in Salzburg with Sadat, then a day in Rome.

Kissinger: We should have Macomber telephone some key people.

[General Scowcroft briefed on the map]

Sparkman: Send your people up and ask if there are any questions.

Marsh: If we could have a list of the Committees we should hit.

President: The time is right.

Rumsfield: I think the margin of the vote is important.

Case: I agree. If it is by one vote, it would be better not to have the vote.

President: Can we include in the fact sheet that Henry and I will be meeting with them?

Mansfield: I think last night's results will carry over.

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all Congratulations.

P I think it created a good climate & provides protection against ~~unilateral~~ ~~action~~.
I think we should meet to see what we can do about a by-pass vote.

K meeting next week. I meeting at 10:30.

asked you to come to see if you have any friends in Senate, then I will suggest name, then the House shortly thereafter.

Charles as I understand are W-S with bill, waiver, & light on ~~the~~ ~~subject~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~bill~~.

K light on ~~the~~ ~~subject~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~bill~~ was more than waiver.

W. We had ~~some~~ ~~ways~~ ~~to~~ ~~double~~
Spent had 28 years. We will get some double. It coming up next ~~month~~ ~~month~~
we think we can finish in 1 day.

Sp. Fayleton told me he had votes - he would fight, but not seriously.

Mansfield We have true bill debate.

K If we could get your bill passed, maybe by June there would be some 'the House will see'

Sp. When you are in Brussels.

P 28-30 in Brussels. Spin a day, 2 in Salzburg in ~~the~~ ~~last~~ ~~day~~ in Rome.

Sp. K

Have Mac Curran telephone some key people



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Get some fact
that ~~for some~~
will

(I hope on the map)

Spokane Send your people my instructions - look up
any questions.

Wash If you could have a list of encls we should hit.

P True time is right.

Bussfield I think a margin of a vote is important.

Cox I agree. One vote would be better not to have a vote.

HR P Can we include in fact sheet that R & I
will be met w/ them?

Washfield I think last night's results will carry over.

