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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: Thursday, December 16, 1976
9:40 - 10:25 a. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: I see your Treasury is taking full credit for the IMF deal.

The President: I almost vomited when I read it.

Kissinger: If it had not been for you, we would have been in the worst crisis ever right now with the British.

The President: I think Carter has trapped himself with his comments on oil prices.

Kissinger: I had lunch with Vance yesterday. He said they planned to have all the leaders come here seriatim, beginning with Rabin. I told him I thought it would be disastrous. I said he almost necessarily has to visit the Middle East to let them see him. He is afraid to travel because Brzezinski will undercut him.

[More discussion about personalities and about personnel staying on at State.]

What the British are doing to the Geneva Conference is unbelievable. They are trying to impose majority rule right now. Even two years for the whites was too soon for them to accept. I think we should stick to the five points, because their program is a prescription for another Angola.

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Sparkman wants to hold hearings on the Foreign Policy implications of our national strategic posture, in the last four or five days of your Administration. I do not want to appear.

Scowcroft: They have asked all the top people.



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