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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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for National Security Affairs
Dr. James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of Defense
Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, Chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff
Major General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 2, 1973

PLACE: Western White House
San Clemente, California

Kissinger: An attack on NATO would lead to a collapse.

Schlesinger: I agree.

Kissinger: Our military are afraid the budget will be affected by having less than 90 days' defense.

The Europeans fear some dark design. The Europeans fear that we might say we almost have a conventional defense.

Schlesinger: Our NATO leaders tell Congress we can't last two days..

This leads Symington to say: what's the use?

Kissinger: Either extreme is disastrous.



[Mentioned the Poseidon and people coming].

On China, there is more than a 50 percent chance of a Soviet attack.

- Spey engines.
- Little group to consider U. S. and Soviet options.

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Schlesinger: The NATO bureaucracy will resist any change.

We can work better bilaterally.

Kissinger: Defense is not doing any strategic planning.

- We ought to have a long-range anti-submarine missile.
- If we don't want SCAD, let's get something for it.
- Fulbright wants to lose South Vietnam.
- The only Chinese interest in us is if we can help. Otherwise they will turn a sharp left and capture the world Communist movement.

[Admiral Moorer came in at 10:05 a. m.]

Kissinger: Explained possibility of Soviet attack on China.

We want a maximum effort in Cambodia.

Moorer: Gave a plan for Cambodia.

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2. North Vietnamese supply routes
 3. Build-up FANK

Increase B-52 to 60 tank trucks.

Kissinger: We'll have a WSAG Monday -- principals only. On what can we do under new conditions in Southeast Asia.

There's a State paper on transferring equipment from South Vietnam to U. S. to Cambodia. (Is it prohibited by Articles 7 and 20?) Get this paper cleared from State.

[The meeting broke and reconvened].



Moorer: B-52's to 60.

Lift restrictions on B-52s daytime South of Phnom Penh.

T-28 supply.

Get tank trucks.

Other equipment.

The North Vietnamese want a great deal of extra equipment for minesweeping. We have said no.

Kissinger: Stonewall for now. Tell them it depends on their execution of understandings with which Le Duc Tho is familiar.

Moorer: How about reducing B-52s in Guam?

Kissinger: I will think about it overnight.

Moorer: 20 targets with 39 aircraft.

33 targets with 60 aircraft.

Phasedown of DOD civilians. They should be out by 31 January.

Kissinger: Make two plans -- reasonable one, and one for getting them out in January.

We now must give attention to bolstering the morale of South Vietnam.

Give maximum equipment to South Vietnam. Get a mission out there to see what they need. Send Weyand out. Look at Cambodia also. Don't give them [the GVN] the feeling we have abandoned them.

Moorer: Reconnaissance.

Schlesinger: It's prohibited after 15 August in Southeast Asia.

Kissinger: Look at it again.



Moorer: I mean worldwide reconnaissance.

Kissinger: Libyan missions -- keep at two per month.

Moorer: NSC stopped them.

Kissinger: Cuba -- okay.

We must give South Vietnam a mining capability.

Schlesinger: We should give them a landing capacity against the North also.

Kissinger: Okay.

Is Martin in Saigon yet? I want to talk to him if he hasn't left yet.



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