MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:  
Major General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs  
Mr. Han Hsu, Deputy Chief, PRC Liaison Office  
Mr. Chi [Interpreter]

DATE AND TIME:  
Wednesday, July 11, 1973  
4:30 p.m.

PLACE:  
The Map Room  
The White House

General Scowcroft said that he was instructed to convey the following, with regard to the specific date of the visit and the specific time of announcing the date. He read the attached note. [Tab A]

Han Hsu listened, and said he would report to his government. He said the Chinese side was well aware of Dr. Kissinger’s contribution to the Sino-American rapprochement. The Prime Minister has given high appraisal of Dr. Kissinger’s work.

The Chinese position on Cambodia had been stated many times by the Prime Minister. A solution was a matter for discussions among Cambodians and Sihanouk.

General Scowcroft acknowledged this, but said that friends of the various Cambodian parties should use their influence for a solution, as Dr. Kissinger had described, in the interests of all parties.
I first would like to say something on a personal basis, as a good friend. I know that Dr. Kissinger was surprised at your message that there would be a delay in responding to our proposals relating to the dates of his upcoming visit. He had been under the clear impression that your side wished him to come in early August at a date which would be left up to him, but definitely before the visit of Senator Mansfield. Dr. Kissinger is puzzled by the fact that we have now been told that a decision must wait until Ambassador Huang has been consulted, when earlier we were given an invitation to come at any time and to stay for any length of time. It will now be possible to announce the visit on July 16. The U.S. side would recommend that the announcement be made on July 19 or July 23, although the longer the delay, the more speculation will develop.

That was a personal note. Now, I would like to make some observations on a semi-official basis. As you well know, Dr. Kissinger is the principal, and practically the sole, architect of Chinese-American rapprochement. He is inseparably identified with that policy -- and its success, on the U.S. side, has been almost exclusively due to his tremendous efforts on its behalf. For
some time into the future that will continue to be the case, at
least until this policy becomes fairly institutionalized throughout
the American Government. At the present time, that is far from
the case. In particular, even those now supporting the policy of
normalization do it principally on the basis of sentiment. Moving
beyond this sentimental plane to the practical concepts of active
support of China in the event of a military contingency remains
with Dr. Kissinger alone.

I point this out as background. As you undoubtedly know,
expectations have been raised about Dr. Kissinger's visit,
especially with respect to Cambodia. Under these circumstances,
should Dr. Kissinger come back from his visit to Peking empty-
handed, that result would seriously undermine his authority in the
eyes of the U.S. Government and people and could thus substantially
jeopardize the policy of Chinese/American reconciliation with
which he is so closely identified. We would therefore appreciate
some idea from the Chinese side of what he may be able to bring
back regarding the Cambodian situation.
MEMORANDUM
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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PARTICIPANTS:
USA - L. S. Eagleburger
PRC - Mr. Chi
Mr. Tien Ta Yung

DATE, TIME:
July 11, 1973 -- 9:45 a.m.

PLACE
Room 372-A, Old EOB

Mr. Chi and Mr. Tien Ta Yung called at their request to convey the following message:

"With regard to the matter of the date of Dr. Kissinger's visit to Peking and the date of the announcement of that visit, it will be necessary for the Chinese side to delay its reply until after it has been possible to consult with Ambassador Huang Chen following his arrival in Peking."

I thanked Mr. Chi for the above message, and asked when he expected the Ambassador to arrive in Peking. He replied that Ambassador Huang would reach Peking on July 13. Thus, we would probably have a firm reply to Dr. Kissinger's proposal for a visit sometime prior to July 15.
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