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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Richard Nixon
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State
and Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
Amb. Daniel P. Moynihan, U. S. Ambassador
to India
Major General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Friday, September 28, 1973
3:30 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

The President: We gents are a great success with the ladies.

Ambassador Moynihan: The Senate doesn't think so. The Goldwater/Byrd amendment to the military procurement bill was just hastily submitted -- hand-written -- and it passed 61-18. It requires Indian payment in full unless there is the consent of the Senate otherwise.

The President: Then we will submit a bill.

Ambassador Moynihan: The Indians think their problem is in State. I have never seen such anti-Indian sentiment in Congress.

The President: Assure Mrs. Gandhi that we agree with her on it and we will work it out with the Congress. Let her know they have problems with Congress.

Ambassador Moynihan: Let me make two other points. After Bhutto came and we put out the statement of the independence and integrity of Pakistan, their press called the Embassy and said the Indians agreed.

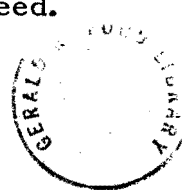
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The President: But I said that really with respect to Pakistan. I would say that about any small country.

Ambassador Moynihan: The Indians are beginning to believe our policy is what we say. The Indians are beginning to think that what they have to fear is not a strong Pakistan but a weak Pakistan.

[Mr. Kissinger enters the room.]

The President: Let me tell you what Gromyko said. He said that we had made progress on politics and on security matters but economics were virgin territory. I said now that Henry is over at State there will be no virgins there.

Secretary Kissinger: You were so enigmatic about China, it took two hours of discussion.

The President: We have to be careful. But there will be no surprises.

Kissinger [to the President:] I told him [the Ambassador] about my trip to China next month. He asked about a trip for you. I said we would give advance warning of any new Presidential trip.

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The President: I told Pat that we would seek a legislative solution and put the blame on Congress.

Ambassador Moynihan: Can I tell this to the Indian Ambassador, so it is in the papers?

Secretary Kissinger: We will say it at State also.

Ambassador Moynihan: Can I also tell her you are gratified at the Indian-Pakistani progress in reconciliation, and that you share her concern about Afghanistan?

Secretary Kissinger: Don't let her think we are anti-Pakistan.



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