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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford  
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and  
Assistant to the President for National Security  
Affairs  
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant  
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, September 29, 1974

PLACE: The Oval Office

President: How did the Camp David meeting go?

Kissinger: I told you they could turn us down now. They didn't. The Germans were 100%. The French were openly okay but said we had to take steps with the producers. The Japanese made a big speech that they can leak with the Arabs but they will wait and see. The British were bad. They said okay but we finance. Labour is cowardly. [Discussed Labour versus the Conservatives.] The West is not strong; only the U.S. is. The Japanese are not weak, just treacherous. The Germans were very good -- especially Apel. The British didn't want to pay money or cut consumption. I said, with Apel's support, that there is only one issue; whether the West would get control of its destiny or whether we would pay a political price to get the producers in.

The target date for the fuel program is January. The program is to be presented to the Ministers in November. Maybe you should give a speech analyzing the proposal before the end of October.

President: I would like to. It is good to get this before the American people. Will you put it together?

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Kissinger: Yes. Before November 1 would be good. I will be in Iran then. The meeting with the Mexicans is set for October 21. They are willing to meet several places -- including Tijuana. They proposed the Amistad Dam. Nixon met there. There's nothing anywhere around there. El Paso another. The salinity project area is at Mexicali.

President: What do you recommend?

Kissinger: It is partly a political decision. It makes no difference from the foreign policy point of view.

President: Let me check. I'll ask Burch.

Kissinger: My own instinct would be El Paso or Tijuana for the crowds. For foreign policy, the salinity area is slightly better.

On Cuba, our policy is to give grudgingly in the OAS and send a message to Castro to see what we could get bilaterally. It was going all right until Pell and Javits went there. Yesterday Castro made a strong attack. We can't let that pip squeak drive us. I would tell the Brazilian we will not be driven and we may even vote against them in OAS.

President: What drives Javits?

Kissinger: He is running against Ramsey Clark. Pell is just a nut.

President: Pell is a State Department man.

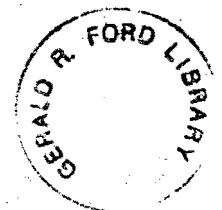
Kissinger: I have to talk to you about State. It is intolerable. They are leaking like crazy. I am thinking of Graham Martin to clean it up.

President: Who would replace him?

Kissinger: I think Dean Brown. But we would have to offer Martin any post he wanted afterwards.

President: Okay with me. It would take him at least 1-1/2 years.

Kissinger: Probably 'til July 1976.



Tell Silveira that we won't be pushed and we will require assurances from Castro before we move and we will cooperate with them. The Brazilians are okay. They are showing their oats a little, but they are good friends. Tell them Brazil is a key country and we will coordinate our policy with them.

President: I left the paper in the residence.

Kissinger: Geisel is President: Silveira is the Foreign Minister.



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