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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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for National Security Affairs
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PLACE: 
The Oval Office
The White House

The President: My economic people want me to restrict pork for Canada
as well as beef.

Kissinger: My people oppose it, but I think if we retaliate, we should do
so strongly.

The President: Is Quito the same?

Kissinger: Yes. But if we go around lobbying for something we didn't
want [lifting the embargo on Cuba], it's cynical and weak. If this time
it fails, maybe in three months it can go through. We will eventually
talk to Cuba and we can't do it while we are hard-lining in the
OAS.

The President: I see Brazil abstaining.

Kissinger: They are slightly more hard line than us, but they don't want
to be left behind. State had been for voting for, but I straightened that
out.

The President: This Lakovos thing is bad.
Kissinger: It's the Greek left. I think before you leave we should get that Turkish resolution fixed.

The President: This session will be a farce. There will be only two working weeks really, at the end of December. I told Carl [Albert] we had to have the authorisation. I said: Why don't you call Rosenthal to get the Turkish amendment chopped? Carl was not optimistic.

Kissinger: We have anti-American riots in Ankara. We are seeing our position weakening everywhere. This Lakovos thing hurts Caramanlis badly; it hurts us marginally but that doesn't matter. We practically have an agreement with the Greeks for a settlement, but this will hurt our chances.

The President: The joker is this guy in Washington who I think gave it to Demetracopoulos.

Kissinger: Aid to Ethiopia. The new strong man has asked for more arms. I told him we could give only $8 million, because of $40 million African restriction.

You know, Sadat once asked me why we weren't aiding Ethiopia. He said they're creating a Soviet satellite there if we don't give them arms. I told him there was a $40 million Congressional ceiling on arms aid to all of Africa. He couldn't believe it.

You are now paying for the days of Johnson and Nixon. Everywhere we are turning up a bit short.

I saw Huang Chen yesterday. I told him about the Soviet offer of an alliance with us. I didn't ask about their initiative to the Soviets. He was friendly and congratulated us on India moving away from the Soviet Union.

We announce relations with Algeria today.

Korea. It's the opposite of Japan, where no one can make a conclusive decision. I think you will have a successful visit in Japan.

I had dinner with Time Magazine and gave them hell. I said, "Who is with the President? Truman had the establishment with him. We haven't had a normal Presidency since Ike."

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The President: What was the reaction? We need leadership from the media.

Kissinger: Very positive.

The President: Congress will respond if they get pressure from the other side.

Kissinger: I think if you follow the line you said on Sunday and do what is right, you will make it. They are scared. Everything is unraveling.

The President: I will do it.

Kissinger: I am no magician. We spent three years building the successes of 1972.

The President: I told U.S. News that I will run in 1976.

Kissinger: That is essential.

After you win a few and become a little dangerous, I think you can recoup it.

The President: What do you think of this? It's Don's suggestion. When I get back, go to the press room and say "I have a program before you, I will strengthen it in the State of the Union, but why don't you come up with your own State of the Union?"

Kissinger: They can't. I wouldn't do that. I would go on the offensive, though. Say that Congress hasn't passed it.

The President: It is a question of whether we ask them to pass ours or challenge them to come up with their own. Let's think about it.

Kissinger: Korea. I would have a small meeting with Park and give him the sense that you are behind him. Overthrowing him could lead to incalculable consequences. You could quietly tell him he could make it look a little better.

We will agree to abolishing the UN Command and have South Korea sign the Armistice. Panmunjom would be conducted between North and South
Korea with the U.S. and China as observers. I think we have the votes to defeat the North Korean resolution. You should ask Park if we can talk to North Korea. They are coming at us all over the world. He will be leery if Soviet Union and Chinese won't talk to him. It is not a big issue because we have little to gain.

When we withdrew our forces in 1971, we promised him $1.5 billion which we have never fulfilled. There is not much we can do about it.

What he needs most is a feeling of support. Tell him frankly we have let him down militarily but we will do our best.

He should be careful in his confrontations with North Korea. He is a bit cocky.

We don't want anything from them, and they basically don't want anything from us except support.

On SALT, we are having a helluva time reaching 2,400. If we had to do more, we would have to have a lot of new programs.

Kreisky. He is an impressive guy. We have no bilateral business so we can talk about world business.
P I don't think people want me to distrust guns for personal
security.
K Yes, but if we go around letting in nothing
we don't want is organised crime.
If this works, maybe we can do it ourselves. We
will eventually think of a way to do it but I
think we are having some success.
P Yes, I think so.
K They might have had less then we, but don't
want to keep it. If they are big, State will
soon find the
P This I think is bad.
K Early Greek lightening (E.U. or E.A.?)

I think before you have ever should get that thing
work in detail.
P This session will be in France. They will be
out the 2 working weeks really, at least. We
will need this and I am asking
You can well remember to put the time and

done with. Each are optimistic.
P We have met 3 times in Turin. We doing
our mission somewhere everyone.
The Johnson thing seems to happen usually.
I am not sure what that does mean.
we practically have an agreement w/c Greeks on
their offer settlement, but this will take some time.
P The deal is the same in West what I think are
At the Deutschenord

K. And to E. The story was similar for me

K. I told him not to give up only trust,

K. I was at a visit in Aachen yesterday.

(Story of Communion at Salut de Fessenheim)

K. I saw a man praying in front of a church.

E. Everyone was very happy about that.

K. And then I told him about some

E. I didn't tell him about the incident

K. It was very friendly at the end.

E. They asked for more from S.

K. We are on the way to the Alpaca today.

K. Kasso - The opposite of Japan, where we can

K. red... put a conclusion to it. I think you will

K. and we can... put a conclusion to it. After

K. it will... put a conclusion to it. Then

K. I said to a... put a... put a conclusion to it.

K. We have had a... put a conclusion.

K. I said.

K. The magazine, the report, the report

K. I told us that.

K. The report, the report, the report.

K. I told us that. I will remain.

K. That is remained.
After you win a few & become a little dangerous, I think you can try it.

P. What do you think of this? Your suggestion. When I get back, get your own way. I have a few ideas of my own, but you can try it. I don't want to undo your own S.U.

K. They can't, in any event, & that. I should do as you say. My best regards.

I think you can ask them to come on the challenge them to have me as their norm. They think about it.

K. Now. I have had a small meeting w/ him & given him a sense of what I think. Questioning him as to what he intends to do & how successful you could make him. We will have to get back at UN & send it to him. The Chinese & Japanese should be represented at N. S. Korea & Vs. R.C. or France. Thus we have a strong, defense & Korean people. You should be able to come talk to N. Korea. They cannot stand no more & N. Korea will be taken as well. We will have to talk to UN & Vs. R.C. must talk to him. But I have been talking with some other people, & have birth to you.

What's going on in UN & the world? We have been working hard. But much can be done. What do you think of this? Tell him that we have let him down. Immediately don't we will be come back.
He should be careful on his communications with.

We don't want him from them, & Cairo.

Especially don't want anything from me except

One thing, we haven't a full measure of reaching

2 years, but still think, we should try

Tell me a little more from your.

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Know it. He is a magnetic man. We have

no substantial business as we can talk about

would improve.