

MEMORANDUM

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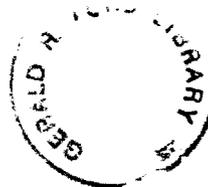
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, November 13, 1974  
9:35 - 10:17 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office  
The White House



President: Butz -- should we bring him back?

Kissinger: It is not right that the whole issue of the World Food Conference resolved around the food aid question. There is the whole issue of the organizational arrangements for handling the basic problem.

We are with respect to the world like Truman was with Europe after the War. There is a huge gap of leadership. Someone must fill it or there will be chaos. It will be filled, and this is your historic opportunity. These organizations are not really needed -- there is another way to do it -- but there was too with the Marshall Plan. But these give something around which to mobilize attention. There is no way to solve the food problem now. In order to solve the food problem we must leave the impression that we are reorganizing to deal with the problem, and while there will be one or two years of shortage, we will then be organized to deal with it.

In energy, I am doing the same thing. I am proposing an international organization for recycling. And each major country will throw in a million tons to a pool, with a higher target if others wish.

President: Repeat the recycling of funds so I get it in mind.

Kissinger: Each country contributes a percentage to a fund which lends

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at the commercial rates. It avoids their having to go to the producers on their knees. Simon is for it but he would keep the figure flexible -- up to \$25 billion.

President: Simon wanted to see me today. Is it about this?

Kissinger: He wants to give a speech also, and he wants the figures. He shouldn't -- either you or me. I want it as part of a world structure. If he does it, it is a structure for finance ministers.

President: You go ahead. I will talk to him.

Kissinger: This has already been proposed with the Five. This just makes it public. If it is only general, then there will be a haggle over setting up the details.

President: May I have a draft? I am giving a press conference.

Kissinger: I will get it to you today. It is your speech.

Quito ended as expected but we could do nothing else.

I am seeing Makarios today.

President: I read the Turks have withdrawn 5,000 men.

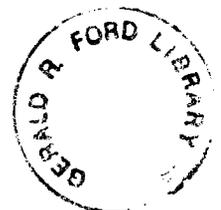
Kissinger: They didn't want to give Ecevit the credit. The new Prime Minister is 70 years old and has been out of politics for 30 years.

I had a report from Ankara that Ecevit's position was severely undermined by the Congressional action.

You could say this was essentially worked out in October. Then the Turkish vote delayed it and then the Turkish domestic crisis delayed further. You could also say there have been anti-American riots in Ankara.

President: Give me a Q&A.

Kissinger: General Brown basically okayed the Soviet proposal. He had a few nitpicks: MX, and a 200 differential.



It is useful to count the British weapons -- because there is no way we can get to 2400. [He described the paper.]

We can get to 1262/2200 by 1983. By '85 we can go to 1320 and 2350.

The JCS should give you a medal for this. You give them the Trident and the B-1.

President: It's quite a statement Brown made [about Jews.] Schlesinger will have a press conference.

Kissinger: He will pull away. I think we say it was ill-advised and doesn't reflect your views.

President: We should get this to Schlesinger.

Kissinger: He will not buck the Jewish Community. This is the one problem we have with him. He keeps making you the heavy. This is bad. He should plead technical problems; then you can be the good guy whenever you want to make some concessions.

[He hands him the SALT memo.]

President: Does this incorporate George's idea?

Kissinger: He would not object. We would propose 22/24 but until '83. A limit of 180 on heavies.

You will get hit by the left and the right. The right won't be bad but the left will say it is not an arms control agreement.

President: Could I have the arguments that both sides would make?

Kissinger: Jackson may even get to the left on this.

The left will hit you and the answer is we are putting a cap on the arms race, gives both sides a program which lessens tension, and stabilizes the arms race. Having stabilized it, we can then put our efforts into reducing.

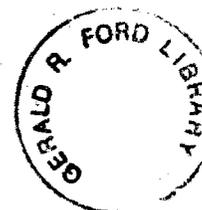
President: I thought the left and the Chinese wouldn't like it. It keeps the Soviet Union high.



Kissinger: They won't like the fact of an agreement. They would like to keep the Soviets down but us up. I think this makes it easier for us to keep the defense budget up.

President: I agree. If they don't do it, we have something to attack them.

Kissinger: The major argument is that it ends the arms race.



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Kris - where / where  
Coastal States Governor  
Cabinet Party Party  
Schlesinger

JPR/K

13 Nov, 74

Wed.  
9:35 - 10:11 AM

Breakfast tomorrow

- P. Burtz. Should we bring him back.
- K. It is not right that whole issue of crop involve around food and question. There is a whole issue of a drought arrangements for handling a pro.  
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 For a better solve a food prob we must have impetus we are very anxious to deal w/ a prob & which 1-2 yrs shortage, but will there be organized to deal w/ it.  
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- P. Repeat a recycling of funds so I get it in mind.
- K. Each contribute % to fund which look at each rates. Avoids having to go to producers on buses. Service is for it but would keep figure flat - w/ 25 bill.
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Q units seemed as expected but we could do nothing else.  
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(Hands him SART memo)

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