MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Bipartisan Congressional Leadership
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE & TIME: Tuesday - November 26, 1974
9:15 a.m.

PLACE: Cabinet Room

President: Thanks for coming. I appreciate the kind remarks and the actions taken while I was away. I appreciate what has been done on Rockefeller and the Mass Transit bill.

We have a full plate this morning. I can give you an overview of the trip, and I want to talk about the Aid Bill, the Export-Import Bank, and the budget.

The trip was strictly a working 8 days. I am glad the wives didn't go -- there was not much for them to do. They had us in a compound in Vladivostok.

In Japan: You saw or read about the ceremony. This being the first visit of a U.S. President, it was mandatory to go through the ceremony. Tanaka resigned -- we knew he would -- but the Government there is a government by consensus, so the discussions were with the Government and the leaders as a whole. The security relationship continues to be important for both sides. The real substance revolves around cooperation in energy, food and our cooperation in the Far East. I think Japan will move more aggressively than in the past.

There was some expressed concern about the Korea visit. But they are an ally and are under pressure from North Korea, and we have 40,000 troops there. Park is concerned with the threat from the North and he thinks some of the dissidents were inspired by the North. He thinks he must be a strong leader under those circumstances. North Korea is stronger on the sea and in the air. They need the fulfillment of our commitment. I think we should...
continue to meet it and with our help I think they can survive. You know, they just discovered a tunnel there that the North Koreans built through the DMZ for infiltration into the South.

On the economic side, I haven't been there for 20 years, but their economy is really moving. On Japan -- we urged them to cooperate on fisheries and I think they will. We urged a move on beef quotas and hopefully there will be some relief there.

The most important aspect of the trip, of course, was Vladivostok. I will give you the figures, which I hope you will keep off the record, because it is just an oral agreement. As you know, they have a big program under way. As a result of about 12 hours of hard bargaining, we reached an agreement which is in accord with the language set forth in the Senate language on equivalence. We agreed on a number of 2400 strategic weapons. It is within our program and requires a reduction in the Soviet program. It puts a cap on the launching capacity of the United States and the Soviet Union. On MIRVs the figure is 1320 of the 2400. On bombers, a ballistic missile with a range less than 600 kilometers would not be counted; one with a range over that would be.

The net result is a rigid ceiling on bombers and MIRVs. Those figures are responsible; it does coincide with the Congressional requirements for equivalence. The Secretary of Defense agrees with it, Chairman Brown agrees with it and Secretary Schlesinger assures me the JCS will. This position was worked out with Kissinger, Schlesinger, Brown and it meets the Congressional mandate. As far as I know it meets with the wishes of the people.

Are there any questions?

Rhodes: Is it 1320 warheads or launchers?

President: Launchers.

Thurmond: What will be the means of verification?

President: National means.

Pastore: How will we know about their MIRVs?

President: We watch their testing program and we will count any new missile installed as MIRV'd if it is a type they have tested with MIRVs.

Question: How much delay is there in getting the agreement? You will be involved.
President: We will have a written agreement in principle within a week. It will be worked out by next summer.

Pastore: What do we have to do to match them? A lot of people have asked us.

Byrd: How about freedom to mix?

President: There is complete freedom to mix within the constraints of SALT I.

Thurmond: Jackson was on the radio saying it should have been 1700 not 2400. Can you answer that.

President: They wanted the higher figure. This was the best we could get. Scoop will argue this is not an ones reduction--but it is below their present program. And this I won't preclude further negotiations on reductions. You have to start somewhere, and this puts a cap on it. This puts a ceiling on planned development. Their program was substantially more than 2400.

McClellan: This is a reduction below their existing and planned program.

President: Particularly what was planned.

McMarhan: Was it wise to restrict the B-1 missiles?

President: The military think so.

Cederberg: Why a 600 km limit?

President: Beyond that it's treated as a strategic weapon.

Frelinghuysen: Why did they agree?

President: I think they are concerned about an unending arms race. This is enough for security and it is stabilizing.

Whip: Did you detect anything more hopeful this time compared to their previous attitude?

President: I think he was genuinely concerned about an arms race.
Rhodes: How about limiting other weapons? Like naval expansion.

President: Not this time. We had only a limited time available.

Scott: Did you discuss energy and Siberian development?

President: Yes, and with the Japanese, too. The Japanese are negotiating on the Yakhutsk project. There were no firm discussions.

Sparkman: You mentioned some concern about the EXIM and foreign aid. I hope we can work out something on foreign aid today. The EXIM conference report comes up today. There is considerable opposition. I hope it will be supported.

President: I hope you will support the conference report.

I hope the Senate will act on the Trade Bill. We have a confidential arrangement on Jewish emigration and Brezhnev has reaffirmed his commitment. There will be no harassment, no limitation on applications, and no restrictions except on grounds of national security.

Pastore: How much can we say?

President: I told the Soviet Union I had to give you the figures. I hope you will not talk about the numbers.

McClellan: This will be formalized within a week?

President: Yes.

Rhodes: Can we say that it is a figure that is below the Soviet program?

President: Yes.

Now Roy has the bad news about the budget.

[The meeting continued on budgetary topics.]
PARTICIPANTS

The President

Senate
✓ Hugh Scott (R-Pa)
✓ Mike Mansfield (D-Mont)
 Robert Griffin (R-Mich)
✓ Robert Byrd (D-WVa)
✓ George Aiken (R-Vt)
✓ John Sparkman (D-Ala)
 John McClellan (D-Ark)
✓ Milton Young (R-ND)
✓ John Stennis (D-Miss)
 Strom Thurmond (R-SC)
✓ John Pastore (D-RI)

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✓ John Rhodes (R-Ariz)
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✓ William Bray (R-Ind)
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✓ Al Cederberg (R-Mich)
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Regrets
 Senator James Eastland (D-Miss)
 Senator William Fulbright (D-Ark)
 Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D-La)
 Rep. Craig Hosmer (R-Cal)
AGENDA

9:15 - 9:20 a.m. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
(5 minutes) (Ron Nessen)

9:20 - 9:35 a.m. FAR EAST TRIP OVERVIEW
(15 minutes) (The President)

9:35 - 9:45 a.m. SALT NEGOTIATIONS
(10 minutes) (The President)

9:45 - 9:55 a.m. FOREIGN AID, EXPORT-IMPORT BANK
(10 minutes) AND TRADE
(20 minutes) (The President) (The President)

9:55 - 10:15 a.m. BUDGET REDUCTIONS
(20 minutes) (Roy Ash)

NOTE: The bipartisan leaders will be escorted from the Cabinet Room to the East Room for the signing of the Urban Mass Transit bill.
Leadership with
26 Nov 74

This is a note from the 26th of November 1974. It discusses various topics and decisions related to leadership and budget planning. The note is handwritten and contains multiple paragraphs.
I have been making notes on my country's language and its connection to the ancient tongue. It is an/our proper expression a relation in. So, just to a say or the description of a language, use this:

On November 1st, 2020, our country, in an/our musical and/along 600 people would be present in such an:

on November 2nd, these people were especially;

it was considered our country's proper protection. 

She got cycles, horses, cycles, and horses. Everyone was in it.

Mr. This position was occupied by Mr. Everyone

and it made our country valuable. You and knew

at everything with which.

Any Questions

Please, 1300 words on language

P. Language

Then and Currently

P. Both sides

Postcard. How much we honor about music?

P. Use notes from testing program with music

5. How much do you want to say?

P. Written agreement in person with relevant

by next Tuesday.

Postcard. What else have you do to match but of people here.

End with some freedom to say?

1. Complete freedom to say within expectations

SALT
Though I was more on what saying should be
from now on well, can you answer

They want it faster pushing. They are a lot late we
could get them, bingo. They are doing this not on
our schedule it is below their pay. This
can't proceed for the negotiation you have to
that somewhere + this particular agree on. This puts
a ceiling on planned budget. Their pay was
right, more than 1 000

We think this is a need to before starting a planned

planned

We think it will cost almost $ 1 000,000

the inability that is a

Can you tell me more?

Tell me if this is a strategic

Why did they agree?

I think they considered that on some level their

ship. Did you tell each other more about the thing
compared to their previous activities? I think he

probably is concerned about the open one.

Rachel how about limiting certain things? the new regression

But this time (another limited time constraint)

Scott did you obtain consensus to continue elegant

Yes new for some time. I agree rapping an unrelated
proj. We have discussions.

Spending you must think some reasons about it. in

for 900, I hope we can work out something. and

how to come up. If it long impact economy. Today I would opportunities. I keep at mind be

I hope you will support and report.
John: I was told to talk to you about our upcoming meeting with Mr. Johnson.

Ray: I'm sorry, I'm not sure what you're referring to. We haven't scheduled a meeting.

John: That's what I need to discuss. It's about the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Ray: I see. We have been working on it already.

John: I understand. But I think we need to revise it. The current budget is not sufficient.

Ray: I agree. We need to reassess our priorities and allocate funds more wisely.

John: Thank you for your cooperation. I'll bring this up in our next meeting.

Ray: I'll make sure we review the budget carefully.