MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSTATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford
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Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Friday, December 6, 1974
PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: Schmidt said he wants you to come to Germany. It would be good to go before the Security Conference. I would go to Berlin. Your meeting went well. He was not impressed with your economic advisers.

President: Is it Simon and Greenspan, or all of them?

Kissinger: He is a friend of Shultz. Simon he thinks is two notches below Shultz. Burns is good but cautious. Greenspan, I think he doesn't know for sure.

On energy: On a consumer-producers conference we must hold firm. We need to manage the energy thing for the political unity of the West. Military defense is not enough. We must have a big joint effort. The Japanese have in effect bit it. We can't go to a preliminary conference. We can agree to it in principle and a target date. But tell him we won't go to a badly prepared producers' conference. The faster we get consumer cooperation, the quicker we can have a consumer-producer conference. If he wants to do something with Giscard, we can immediately work on the consumer efforts.

Let's reverse his steps one and two. We could accept his private group idea. Keep it to you and me and designate Shultz. Start with consumers only, then add producers. He could take this to Giscard.
Tell him you will give Giscard a triumph at Martinique, but you can't give Gaullists a victory that they could kick the U.S. around and then get their way. The consumer-producer meeting could be held in Paris.

As progress is made in consumer solidarity, we can move into preparatory work for the consumer-producer conference.

On the $25 billion facility, he is bleeding all over. Say that to us it is essential that financial solidarity be guaranteed. He says he can't do $3,5-4 billion, but can do $2 billion.

President: Hell, he gave Italy two.

Kissinger: He says he couldn't again. We can probably get at least 2.5. He can sell it at home if he can say you insisted.

We are having massive problems with Israel.

President: The letter didn't answer anything.

Kissinger: The comment about the West Bank is just wrong. But that is not the worst part of it. They have announced the secret agreement about Suez cargoes. That hurt Sadat, and we can't use that in the next public agreement. Now he is saying the negotiation must be to gain time, isolate Syria, and keep Egypt from going to war if Syria does. This may blow up the negotiation.

Allon will be here. Maybe you should tell him we can't tolerate any more of this.

President: Fine.

Kissinger: Dinitz has asked to brief Rumsfeld. They always try a private pipeline to the President. Let them do it. Don is absolutely trustworthy. He could even be an asset.

With the Soviets -- the aide memoire. They want to count all missiles on the aide memoire. We could say we would take it out of the aide memoire but interpret it that way at Geneva. If we hang on it, we will get killed. I doubt they will give in.
I talked to Buckley last night. I will send Brown to talk to him. Also, the Badger is useless, but if you put cruise missiles on it, it could be dangerous. We used the word "ballistic" but it is not too clear whether it went over Brezhnev's head or not.

Tell the PFIAB to support Vladivostok. It is a big concession by Brezhnev. We can't say it to head off Jackson.
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In the event he wants you to go to Germany, would you
prescribe for Sec. Murray. Could you let me know if
your story would sell. He was not impressed by
some recent addition.

Perhaps you should delay, a day?

I have spoken to Simms, which I think is in the
interests of Simms. Bruce good but contains Gromyko.
I think he doesn't know Russia.

In essence, I conf. my concern for him.

We are so busy today for a particular reason.
I went. With this act alone we must
have a big joint effort. If we have in effect
that it. We want to fulfill every:

We can agree to proceed to a Target date but
will have no sense to look into our state.

I want to get some sort of

Could he count on me to acknowledge, verified in some sense?

Let's assume this step 10.2. We could accept
his various groups. Then keep it from our

Desay in Chateau. Start off now and, then add
very soon. He could take this to Cland. Tell him
Tudor will give Gromyko to France at least.
and count on Gromyko to a certain country, that
they could track it down and to that point, we,

4, I think he would be in Paris.
As part word in Cland. Actually we can move into

keep track for a period.

On the 25th, if possible, he is returning to Paris. Say
that in the event, that you should tell only the

H. does not want to do or, so just say 2.
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