MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: THE PRESIDENT
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 18, 1974
9:40 - 10:20 a.m.

PLACE: Oval Office

Kissinger: Mahon is worried that we will load up the Senate bill.

Sadat's problem may be that we aren't giving him an agreement before Brezhnev comes.

The President: How can we? I saw Israel released its proposals yesterday.

Kissinger: Tell Golda that if the Israeli Government doesn't improve its procedures, you don't see how we can continue its relationship. He said we are making it tough by saying that another war would be a tragedy and the whole world would gang up on Israel. Tell her about leaking in the strongest possible terms.

Wayne Hays said he gave a Chamber of Commerce speech and after it a banker stood up and said George Brown is one of the greatest Americans and is right and got a three-minute ovation.

I believe Israel is insane for not taking what they can get in a Sinai settlement.

If this negotiation blows up, we should move quickly to Geneva. We should either get a settlement fast or diffuse the responsibility by going to Geneva.

The President: What is the Israeli reaction to going to Geneva?

Kissinger: They don't like that either. The first issue there would be the PLO.
George Ball hurts us by saying we should work it out with the Soviet Union. That means the '67 borders. If we are willing to do that, we don't need to do it with the Soviet Union.

Sadat is pissed off because we let him go naked into Rabat and now into a Brezhnev meeting.

Keep Golda to 45 minutes -- 30 minutes with us and 15 alone. She will be very emotional.

The Israelis told Rockefeller the three indispensables in the Cabinet are me, Schlesinger and Simon.

The Turks are sending an emissary to Cyprus and they'll talks start tomorrow.

The President: How about Markarios?

Kissinger: The Greeks are clever. He is less trouble there than elsewhere, and they can either make him support an agreement or stick him with the blame.

Clerides is now coming down from ten cantons to a few near the Turkish zone.

The Hill staffers are saying our Turkish deal was a great victory.

Mansfield is doing well in China, but Teng Hsia-p'ing made a pitch for Diego Garcia.

The President: How is Bush?

Kissinger: Bush is doing well now. He is exuberant but not self-serving like Richardson. He can be very useful in your second term.

Rockefeller is pushing Governor Ray Shafer.
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The President: Tell Mahon and Passman that I want the CRA on basis of the authorization. I would be happy to call Passman.

Kissinger: I promised Hays 15 minutes with you.

The President: Okay.

Kissinger: I think we are facing a major crisis with Sadat. Nixon promised to sell his arms. He doesn't have anything we promised. We have two problems with him: The Israeli negotiation and his general perception of us. I think you should send him a letter saying we would like to open our hearts with them. He could send Fahmy or his personal aide, Marwan, or as a last resort I could go.

If we could hold it to January until he goes to France, I could maybe meet quietly. We must get to him with someone he trusts.

The President: Can't we get something between Israel and Egypt within the next few weeks? Can't we act quickly on the Middle East package?

Kissinger: Yes. He said publicly yesterday that he would give us only a bit more time on step-by-step before turning to Geneva.

The President: You got the consensus in the leadership meeting. It is not at all solid.
Kissinger: I will talk to Dinitz today. Tomorrow we talk with Golda, and you talk to her at the end alone. If it blows up and gets to a war, you can't guarantee American support. Their constant nitpicking has brought us to the edge of disaster. You don't want to say this officially, but she should tell the leaders.

Six months ago the U.S. was a dominant figure in the Middle East, and a visit by me would quiet things. It's not so now. This stuff about cooperation with the Soviet Union -- They insist on the '67 borders. If you are willing to do that, there is no reason to do it with the Soviet Union.

We have got to tell Israel we need their maximum position. I am not sure the Israeli-Egyptian negotiation will succeed. Sadat seems to be posturing himself.

There are two alternatives: Let Geneva fail and at the blow up impose a settlement that is close to the '67 borders. The other way is to do it without provocation, but that will be tougher.

The President: Frances Knight wants to extend. I think we should stick with the rules. What do you think?

Kissinger: Whatever would be helpful to you. I will order it.
Tell Mahnaf Hassan I want to see him in person.

He's going to the United States. I should be happy to call him.

I received a letter from him.

I thought we were going to meet again.

I've seen him twice already. He doesn't have anything to say.

We met again. We have two dates left. I regret it.

I'm sorry, my friend. I think you should

Find a way to say we would like to go on a

Based on this, he could send Farmer/Hermer

or we last went we could go.

If we could talk it through, I'd like to go.

However, you must get to him as

Forward to Lunta.

Can't we get something but I'll give you a letter.

Can't we get something but I'll pay you.

He said politely, if you like, he would give me a

You can have one step by step.

Germans.

You get a command in leadership only if you act

and lead.

Will talk to Davies today. Tomorrow we talk of

What do you think of and about?

If you need a way, you can send someone

I'll support. They wouldn't say too much about

the way she was. You don't want to say

That's efficiently, but even

She should tell the

Six minutes ago, US was dominant figure in

It's hard to me, would you like to get to know

This stuff about guys with U. They don't even talk.
Dear Leadership and Their Kind, it isn't necessary.

We got to talk we need their map points.

I don't think F-S Wright will understand. He's SO

I don't know how to put it.

We need to blow-up some

and change it. Other way, it looks it

If Francis Wright wants to talk, I think we should

up it. What do you think

Whatever would be helpful to you?

and order it.
V/K 18 Dec

K. We have decided that we will hand you 3000 bill
2000 for the liquor that we are giving him an
open account as he's not one

I. Horseman - 3 were returned to presart

If I can it doesn't make the problem. I'd just
want you to know that the article

Duty tied. Salt lake city express for your future

with. Good we can't it through, running
another was a tragedy and all worldwide teaching

Talks about making an stronger position

Anyone there ever been a 8? Speak with

Through it you can help with a lawyer between our

Do I know for sure that what they came in a dinner settlement.

If this way to times up we could have possibly it

Comma. We should sit there put a settlement pact

or different way by going to comma.

G. What's written in going to comma.

K. They, don't believe that neither. First time would be

P. O.1.

George just wants by saying we shouldn't it at

15/c. That's more or less. If you willing to
do that, we don't need to do it up to.

Salt lake city of course we let bring material

Robert in some into bag with.

Last Call to 45.mp mp 20 min or 25 30min.

She will be very emotional.

I mentioned talk about the 23 hundredths in sentence

our king, Solis, & Susan.
Trucks sending money to Cyprus + Turkey states frozen.

P. Unravelled Marasacc?

R. Freedman: "The back South "Are Americans+
   They can win. They must keep going."
   He says, "Are Americans"

Cheer is more interesting than 10 cent."
a few more the Feds.

Hm. Stells are saying our T and A deals was great

in T Eng."

Manlyfield doing well on PTC, but they made a

catch by Day of PTC.

R. E. with strong wind now - He will not

only jump to the Rhondda - He can do any

competition game 2 mot team.

R. Rockefeller is pushing fee Shadoff.