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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE AND TIME:
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9:28 - 10:20 a.m.

PLACE:
The Oval Office
The White House

Kissinger: Dinitz said on background there will be no progress until I go to the Middle East. That is just what we told Sadat and it looks like collusion.

President: I said in the News interview that they must be willing to give up the passes.

Kissinger: They are moving. We don't want a formal proposal from them yet, since it would leak.

We have a SALT problem. [He hands the President a ticker item.]

President: This is what Schlesinger talked about.

Kissinger: This will be the focus of the Jackson hearing -- loopholes, sloppy drafting.

I am not sure we want to omit cruise missiles -- it leaves a huge loophole. It also could lead to a ban on ship-launched ones.

The best for us would be to have them only on aircraft.
President: [Described the Vladivostok discussion] My quick reaction is that it makes no difference.

Kissinger: Our record is ambiguous. Dobrynin says his record is ambiguous. But you can't put something over on them with a shyster trick.

President: If we review everything -- payload, etc. -- and decide after R&D maybe not to go into production...

Kissinger: Yes, but the major thing is to stop leaks like this. This will give Jackson the handle he needs. Schlesinger is also jumping on us on Israeli military supplies. He also wants to meet with the Jewish leaders.

President: Israel Miller said I have six months before they lower the boom on the Trade Bill. You were right.

Kissinger: The best thing would be for the Soviet Union to reject it.

President: I agree.

Kissinger: Fisher says Jackson would be a dead hero if the Soviet Union rejected the Trade Bill.

President: How soon will they act?

Kissinger: A couple of days informally; then we will go through the formality.

President: What should our posture be? Disappointment?

Kissinger: We should point out that we were warned all along the way. I think they will reject it.

How is the letter to Brezhnev?

President: Good. It is well written.

Kissinger: On PL-480, the major problem is handling the Humphrey Amendment. You can include Title II; Humphrey and Hatfield would consider this a breach of faith. You can stick to Title I, and drop the other countries, and you can add Vietnam. We would have to clear it with Humphrey.
President: Does Vietnam qualify?

Kissinger: It isn't on the UN list because it is not in the UN. I will bring the lists in tomorrow.

On Oman, we have almost no foreign policy interests there. But don't give him [Sultan Qaboos] the impression that we will abandon him if the British pull out. If the British pull out, we may even have to send some advisors.

President: I saw the map -- it's a God forsaken place.

Kissinger: It is the most backward country in the area. I don't know what you will talk about.

President: I notice Mexico is not joining OPEC now.

Kissinger: Probably in the late '70s oil prices will be so low we will have trouble maintaining investment in alternative sources.

The reason Schmidt is giving us a hard time is he has local elections coming up and he has to appear as a defender of his national interests.

President: I notice the papers are saying there is no difference between the two financial plans.

Kissinger: The British Ambassador said last night they could vote Witteveen without us. I said yes, but you can't make it work without us.

The French have played it straight since Martinique.

President: When is Shultz going over?

Kissinger: The end of January. He will meet with the Schmidt group and also see the Shah. The Shah said he is thinking about investing 10 billion here. We should nail that down.

I saw the Irish Foreign Minister yesterday. It will be a lively six months. He is fun. He said stay away from Kennedy; he is a menace and the Irish can't stand him. Don't support the IRA, and keep the British in -- otherwise it will be a bloodbath.

Burns will see Schmidt.
President: Did he talk about an economic plan?

Kissinger: He is worried. He thinks such a big deficit will dry up the capital markets.

President: I respect his judgment. But when you pin them down, they still want a tax reduction.

Kissinger: The Westinghouse pension fund is $500 million short. If some of them fail, this could start a run. The same guy also said we should give a tax break for the purchase of durable goods.

President: I share Burns's concerns. But if confidence is restored, it should help.

Kissinger: Burns will do his damnest.

President: Right. We couldn't have a better man in that job.

Kissinger: He takes a long time to get to the point.

President: He's not as bad as Elliot [Richardson].

Kissinger: [Described the haggling over the announcement of his appointment as Ambassador to the United Kingdom].

President: He has no chance as a Presidential candidate.

Kissinger: The Nicosia meeting went well. The next one will be on the 14th.
Friday, June 10, 1975

Radio contact can be frequent and personal. I understand that your requests were handled by Colonel
I saw a number of officers in circles and I am sure you were present.

Then feeling that there was no formal process
From there on out, we will talk

We have a lot of problems (bracketed terms)

This is what Senator talks about

Will be a form of Johnson losing

Loyalty, Kroger to the point

Not sure what to want counted

Listen if anyone asks here will be done

Our next round will have ended

P (Debriefed with chairman). My point is that

It makes one dizzy

Our second is developing very very far and

Eventually you put something over

There is a Clayton trick

Of some survival everything - people fold, etc. - which

When I look around I go with facilitation

You don't say if things are to step backs like this.

This will pain Johnson - a humble triumph

Senator is also hampering an all on trial savings

He also wants to meet with James Leake

He should write and Johnson will before they knock

From a line tool - you were rejects

First thing could be for sale right it

Rogers

Floor: Tony Jackson would be a dead loss if

St uprooted twice

P (Name) will depart

My task is done informally then we will go from here

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What should our posture be?

K: We should point out that we warned (cheeked - slippery). I think they will reject.

Here is a White Paper.

We should write.

K: In Ph 460 - the major problem is handling things.

Commitment. You can include that it. Simply.

Hatfield would consider this an aspect of legal. You can stick to this.

They are interested, you can add value to the U.S.

We would have to want to chat about.

P: Do we quantify?

K: Letter to UN that because not in UN.

Israel being held in Germany.

Our options. About an FLP mechanism.

Best not push them as something that we will abandon him if pulled out. If he pulls out, we will have to send some advisers.

P: How many on a Godfather plan.

K: Let most behavioral economy in a case.

Don't know what you will talk about.

I: Practice before not going at all costs.

K: Let us in late 20's or 30's prices will go so.

Let us with him trustworthy maintaining investment.

In alternative.

Reason Schmidt is going as hard tries.

He has local elevation going up to be to appear as developer of small subject.

1. Further progress are saying stay it is no big.

2. A fine place.

K: But not with just being could with Warrington & co. We will see, that you can't with it until w/ us.
The En Shale played at Fampol with Montag

P. 100% steady now.

K. End of Jan. he will meet up with Schmidt and get a
cutch. They will be the only ones in the group
working on the site. We should talk about
ideas.

I saw En Shale yesterday. It will be a busy
time. He is coming to see me next week.
K. Mentioned that he will be coming.

I will try to meet with him. Don't forget
I have a meeting with the site.

Because with see Schmidt.

P. I will talk about site plans.

K. He arrived. The new site begins will be
very complex.

P. Discuss his grandfather, that when you pin them
down, they will want a tax deduction.

K. West plan fee is the big event. If
not paid, this would start a new emergency. If
we paid, the site would just be like being
lottery for purchase of massive goods.

P. Other issues concern. But if expansion is needed
it should also.

K. Expansion will be his concern.

P. Right. We wouldn't have a better name in that for
K. The sites can't compete to get a point.

P. Not as bad as Edel

K. (Discussed government, etc).

P. He has weighed as P. Ch Scotland.

K. Unanswerable event will. West can see 1980.