Note to the File:

From the content of this memcon, it appears to have been assigned the incorrect date when it was transcribed at the White House. The comment about Graham Martin, Ambassador to South Vietnam on page two would indicate that the conversation took place AFTER the evacuation of Saigon, April 28, 1975.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: The President
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: April 17, 1975
3:10 p.m.

PLACE: Oval Office
The White House

President: Any repercussions from the Israeli Embassy?

Kissinger: No. I think what you did was just right.

President: I wanted to throw in the PLO just to shake them a bit.

Kissinger: On your visit, it might be better to go to Italy than to Berlin.
To go to Berlin after going to Fascist Spain would be very confrontational.

Italy has the advantage there is really nothing to discuss. You
could see the Pope and strengthen the Government a bit.

President: That would help back here.

Kissinger: It might help strengthen the opposition to the Communists.
You could tell the Pope, too, that we oppose the Communists.

You would go Friday night or Saturday to Spain -- probably
Saturday morning, stay in Spain 'til Monday morning. Then go to Rome.
See the Pope Tuesday morning and return to Washington right after.
Then I would go to Berlin. You would get a big reception.
President: Or I could go to Berlin after CSCE.

Kissinger: There are two formal sessions at NATO -- Thursday and Friday mornings. Leave here Wednesday morning.

We should prepare a meeting with Caramanlis and Demirel. Separately and then maybe together.

President: Those demonstrations in Greece ought to scare them.

Kissinger: We predicted it. By 1980 we could have leftists in Portugal, Greece and maybe Italy.

Scowcroft: I revised the AH EPA talker.

Kissinger: I think it is a mistake.

President: I don't mind being very tough with them.

Kissinger: O.K.

See Wilson, Schmidt, on Friday but Giscard, Spaniards Saturday. Sunday, Sadat - probably not in Madrid. We can let them work this up. They are so touchy. If the Spanish don't like it, we could move the Sadat meeting to Italy.

The French are approaching the Soviets and Chinese to pressure us on the Vietnam negotiation.

The Soviet-Egyptian communique may have one thing troublesome. It attacks Israel -- that's okay -- but also the "imperialist forces" supporting it. That has to be us.

The Europeans are totally misunderstanding the situation in Portugal. They want to offer Portugal associate membership in the EC. That legitimizes the Communists and is a very dangerous precedent for Italy. I think you must talk seriously to Schmidt at least at the NATO meeting.

Martin is okay. He did a good job on the evacuation and prevented a panic.
President: I told Hugh Scott I wanted his help to get more money.

Kissinger: We have no cards so we have to operate on nerve.

We have one chance in five of getting anything. This is important for Hanoi.
P. Any explanation from e. T. Smith.
K. No, I think what you did was just right.
P. I wanted to come in a Ph.D. joint to their team a bit.
K. Once you insert, it might be better to go to stick them
to British/They.f planted after Forrest. Spain would
be very complimentary.
Italy has a advantage. There is only noting to
obvious, you could do a repeat on Spain a bit
a bit.
P. That would help both teams.
K. It might help strengthen a opposition to Europe, you
would like too.coop one country team.
Gan would go. Friday night at 5 to 6 Spain just set-alone.
Stay in Spain the country and the same. See
Flag Free arm + return to work. set just often.
Then I would go to Berlin. you would get a big
reception.
P. One I could go to Berlin after 3:30.
K. Then are 2 formal meetings at NATO - Thursday
3:45 arm, home time 2nd arm,
On should prepare entry w/ Kees + Diamond. Tengigity
+ then maybe together ?

P. Those demonstrations in Cormorant 9 x 32 x 9
K. Better we predicted 30. By 1980 we could have
8 to 10 different guns + single Italy.
S. (Edward Shug
K. 8 to 10 - minimum
P. I doubt mind being very tough of then
K. OK.
See Williams/ Sidwell/ R/P. Ann Cram/
See Spain at Saturday, Sunday, Salat vs. rest in Madrid. We can let them know this up. They are to fly to Spain, don't like it, we could move to Salat, reply to Italy. The EU are disappointing EU & PLC to present me a EU at event.

The SO - E arrangements have something different. It's a new situation. But also a very unique opportunity that that is to be used.

Fusco: totally misunderstanding it in part. They want to offer full access membership in EC. That legitimizes its basis in very dangerous respect for Italy. I think you must tell them to submit that bill at NATO summit.

Martin did OK. He has a good job on some exported version.

I told Anja that Scott is number 4 in all the money.

We have no excuse or one headquarters now. We have no one chance in 5 of getting anything. This is important for others.

No other big plans.

Better than reinforcing of a unit.

Would can deliver from E; Russia.