

MEMORANDUM

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WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President 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 & TIME: Thursday, April 24, 1975
10:43 - 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: Muskie says there is a deterioration of support for Israel but Dinitz doesn't know it because they are afraid to tell him. He said \$2.6 billion was way too high -- maybe hundreds of million.

[President reads the Martin cable.]

President: I think he has to tell the contractors and civilians to get going. We can't be responsible for their delaying to get the dependents out. I can understand the official American numbers.

It is not helpful to have a typhoon coming.

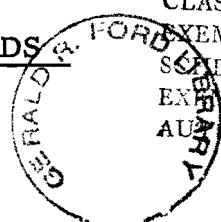
Kissinger: We can get out at any time. We have to believe his figures because he is the guy on the ground.

President: What worries me is, while he has given the figures, he always ends up higher. I don't like that.

Kissinger: I agree. He has not carried out orders and hasn't. I think we should say the President approves but it's the second time he has approved one. There can be no equivocation on this figure. The President

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NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines

By kt, NARA, Date 1/24/00

wants all non-essential contractors and non-government people moved out. Those who stay after the 1090 figure is reached will stay at their own risk. The press should slim down to an absolute minimum.

President: If he is down to 1090 and non-essentials the day after, when is the final evacuation?

Kissinger: Whenever we trigger.

President: I would give him a final figure -- what would the number be of contractors, etc. by Saturday morning.

Kissinger: About your trip: June 2 is the Italian national holiday. So that effects the Rome schedule.

Do Sadat in the afternoon and the next morning.

President: I would spend more time.

Kissinger: You could have dinner on the 2nd, meetings on the morning of the 3rd, have dinner, then a meeting with the Pope early in the evening and then return. One and one-half hours with the Pope is plenty.

[The Vice President enters.]

Kissinger: [Tells story of Mel Laird's cigar burning at the meeting with the Pope in October 1970.]

[Gets the President to sign Presidential Determination.]

[Hands the President the VE Delegation.]

[Discussion of VE Day Delegation.]



At risk of typhoon from Pentagon

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Thursday
10:43-11:10 AM

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(P reads Martin Cable)

P I think he has to tell contractors & move to get going. We can't be responsible for them delaying to get things out. I can understand official OMB #'s not helpful to have a typhoon coming.

K We can get out at any time. We have to believe his figures came to a guy on a ground.

P What worries me is, while he has given figures, he always ends up higher. I don't like that.

K I agree. He has not carried out orders & hasn't. I think we should say ~~we~~ I agree that a real time he has agreed on. There can be no equivocation on this figure. ~~You~~ must also advise that ^{all those useful} private contractors & non-govt movement. Those who stay after a 1000 figure started will stay at their own risk. Prices should slide down to absolute minimum.

P If he down to 1000 & ~~costs~~ non-essential day after, when is final ^{evac} ~~cost~~?

K commercial trigger

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Hil / Can Stuhars cuts on 2nd
Plus to be back night of 2nd

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2nd, lunch, then mtg w/ Pope early PM
and then return. 1 1/2 hrs w/ Pope is plenty.

(VP enters)

K (Tells story of hel raised w/ Pope)

(Gets present & signs PD)

Hands Pch VED delegation

* (Discussion of VE Day Delegation)

