MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford  
Mr. Max Fisher  
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs  
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Friday, June 13, 1975  
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

PLACE: The White House  
The Oval Office

President: When do you leave? [For Israel].

Fisher: Tonight. I just thought anything you want to tell me would be of help.

President: We have narrowed the differences with Rabin, but we are still at a crunch point. I thought we made more progress, yesterday compared to the first day. There are some differences, specifically related to the passes. Unless we make more progress it won't work. I was encouraged yesterday, less so today. Henry will meet with Rabin today to see if we can make more progress. Both sides have moved, but if neither moves any further we won't have an agreement. Is that right, Henry?

Kissinger: Yes, except you know the Israeli domestic situation. The Cabinet hasn't approved anything, so the movement is Rabin, not Israel. The President described it precisely. We will have to see if there are still possibilities.

Fisher: The Likud seems to be having problems. It looks to me like the political situation is better, but I'll know better when I get there. But it sounds like you are narrowing the differences.
Kissinger: Yes. But we have no reason to think Egypt will settle for less than the passes. But they have offered more, so it wouldn't be an Israeli cave. So both would appear to have given some.

Fisher: How about duration?

Kissinger: We are working on it. We haven't solved it.

Fisher: The boycott.

Kissinger: We can make some concrete steps. Sadat said he can't invite American companies into Egypt, but if they apply, he won't make the boycott list be a barrier.

Fisher: I think it is important that we make this their work.

Kissinger: Another problem where you could help: The propensity is to drag things out. We have a window with the Soviets to the end of July, so we need to move before then.

President: They want our help on CSCE. So as long as we have that in front of us, we can keep them quiet on the Middle East.

Kissinger: We have told the Israelis this; it is just that you could emphasize it.

President: If we don't get a basic agreement by the middle of July, we lose our leverage, and I will have to go to the overall alternative. I have told State to draw up an overall plan as insurance. I am telling you that -- I haven't told the Israelis that, although I am sure they realize. To put all our chips on an interim which fails, and to have no back-up, just won't work.

Fisher: Did this matter of Egyptian arms come up?

Kissinger: There was one story about us selling. That is bunk. Today there was a report about $1 million in arms from Great Britain. I doubt it, and it was not confirmed by the British. The British don't have the kind of sophisticated arms Egypt needs. The problem is Egypt has cut itself off from the Soviet Union. We must decide whether we want them to go back to the Soviet Union or whether will do it. Basically, I don't think it against the American interest for Egypt to buy its arms in the West.
Fisher: How about Syria and Jordan, just for my information?

Kissinger: All we know is what is in the paper. Hussein told the President he wouldn't agree to a joint command. We have to find out. If it is to bring the PLO under control, that is not against our interests. We are looking into it.

President: We have narrowed the gap, but it doesn't help if it is not closed.

Fisher: What can I do?

Kissinger: Emphasize the seriousness of it.

President: We have to have the flexibility if it is to work.
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K: When do you come?

F: Tonight. I thought the meeting would be a help.

K: We have a monomole dig, but we still do a

F: Exact point that we made: same party
generally except at 1st dig. That will be a
good dig: sphere related to a pox. Unless
we make some prep it won't work.

K: I gave a 1/2 hour today to see if we

can make some prep. Both sides have

F: It will never move any further

K: I'm not sure of there any agreement. Might it?

F: Yes, might you know? I don't think it.

K: That's my understanding. It has been-

F: That's my understanding. It is going to be

K: Not. I see it. I don't understand it.

F: Precisely. Well, I'll be sure of that and you'll be

K: Yes. But we have not seen it. Think I

F: Well, you'll see for less than a pass, but they have

K: Offered many to work it out and can't. So

F: Real world, sees if there are any further

K: We are working on it. We haven't solved it

F: Yet??
F. We can make some small steps. Stephen and
I can contribute and keep mine with F. But if
they apply, we won't make a long cut on
him.

F. I think it essential that we make this thing
work.

I am the point, when you could help. I particularly
like long things out. We have a window
close to the 2nd of July, so we need to
meet Azpiazu.

P. They want our help in C.I.F., so we have
even that in hand. If we can help
Thomas in this.

F. Can we talk to this. It just that you could
don't know it.

I feel that we got broad agreement by middle
of July and look some things to work on
a whole alternative. I have told others
to work up an overall plan as brainstorm.
I telling you that, how it will tell you,
these things simply. I've just all one thing,
an issue in which Jobs to have me taking
just want work.

F. Did this middle of F. agree come up.

P. There was 1 stay that was really, that first
moment was about & fail from C.I.F. But just
it's not connected by F. The deal has a
hand of holding across F. wide. Then possibly
F. has cut itself off from SO. We must
I don't think it is against US interest for F to keep its defense in a Cold War.

AHow about again - Davidson - just for my pub. A

R. A. K. has been in my paper, but we told
P. We would agree to joint work. They
try our second joint work. We have
had one. If it is a joint PhD, we can
continue, that would agree to a contract.
All looking into it.

P. We have announced a meeting, but that helps
if it is not work.

F. What can I do.

K. Considering a situation?

I. We have a new possibility if it is not and

F. And

Copy. Don't want it.

F. And sent Sandy