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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: Thursday, June 26, 1975
PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

President: The only problem with my press conference was Mel Laird.

Kissinger: That raises a problem. We have absolutely no discipline in
the government. Lynn says he has the same problem in the domestic area.
Schlesinger is now on a SALT violation kick again. Now he is talking about
massive Soviet missile deployments. We started MIRV deployments five
years ago. Mel's article [in Reader's Digest] was mischievous. He says
the Communists are coming after us in Portugal.

President: It isn't their fault. We are hamstrung.

Kissinger: We are building up problems for a SALT agreement. They
are unyielding on cruise missile and Backfire.

President: Is Defense now saying not to count cruise missiles?

Kissinger: Up to 3000 kilometers, yes. That would be a farce -- it would
just shift the strategic competition from ballistic to cruise missiles. We
have offered a ban on ship-launched cruise missiles and not air-launched
ones.
Here is what we have shipped to Israel since April.

[He hands the President a list, which he reads.]

President: If they are going to be intransigent, we are going to have to go public. We have no choice.

Kissinger: Max Fisher came in and said they are trying to yield and just trying to find a way. We can't wait. They have already screwed it up doing it before CSCE, which we wanted, in order to do it while the Soviets' heads were down.

Here is the letter -- we have revised it just a little.

[The President reads the letter.]

President: Can Rabin say that he did respond to my telephone call?

Kissinger: We can take that out. He didn't change, but that looks petulant.

President: We could say "We have had no change in your position."

Kissinger: We don't need to do that. It is a dig and would lead to a peripheral argument.

President: The rest looks fine.

Kissinger: Shall we get Dinitz in there?

President: Sure.

Kissinger: Shall we have Javits in for five minutes?

President: How about Ribicoff?

Kissinger: If you want to lay it out for him.

President: How about that letter on Soviet MFN?

[The President reads the draft letter.]

Let's get it up there today.
Kissinger: Volpe wants to begin discussions with the Communists in Italy.

President: I don't understand that.

Kissinger: It is a case of localities: it will be hard not to include the Communists in the government, but we don't want to play.

President: I agree.

Kissinger: Your meeting on the Turkish embargo this morning -- your talker has an option to put in a Greek aid sweetener.

[He reads the President the Brademas [redacted] with the Greek Ambassador.]

President: With this group, should I tell them what I propose and urge them to proceed and ask them what they think?

Kissinger: The waiver is something you are willing to do for them; it is not for us.

We are having another Church problem. They are now asking for everything related to the six assassination areas -- it is all the NSC processes.

President: We are not going to do it. Who is the problem? Hills?

Kissinger: No, Hills is fine. Colby is the insoluble problem.

I was at a dinner with Strauss. He said you would win in '76.

Scowcroft: McGovern told me the same thing.

Kissinger: It was not a bouyant Democratic group last night. On Church, the major thing to say is that he is going at a difficult period, that the old idea that they are part of our decision making structure is past. He shouldn't blow it up.
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Sanitized
P. The only press we're going to have is the press.
K. I don't think it's a fact. We have absolutely no
form of a fact. I mean, we've done
some domestic area, which is now, and
so forth. What can we do again. Now he is talking
about massing our massive deployment. We
started our deployment 5 years ago.

With that was conference. He says, must be
coming up on in Portugal.
P. As per your letter. We are hammering.
K. We're hammering quite a lot of a settlement.
They are by now up in various people, 0247.
P. As per your note. We were at the meeting.
K. At the meeting, yes. That's what the thing would be.
I'm just going to have to make it clear.
We have offered a time for the trip, it just isn't.

Here is what we have changed. I write again.
P. (Redacted). If they are going to be written.
K. From some people. We are going to have lots of phone.

We have the choice

K. Either some of us are going to get the joint
trying to find a way. We can't work. They have
already decided to try it, say it before
ESC. In which we wanted, in order to do it with
the San Bernardo channel.

Here is a letter. We have received it just a
little. (Redacted letter).

I can accept say that we will respond to my phone

Confidential
K. We can take that out. He didn't change much that
was noticeable.

K. We could try we hope that no change in your position.
K. We don't need that. It's a step toward red.

P. The rest is fine.

K. Shall we get dinner in town?

P. Sure.

K. Shall we have Japanese in 5 minutes.

P. It's about 10:00.

K. If you want to pay it out for him.

P. How about that? Start on 6th men

(Reds dropped)

K. I'll get it up there today.

K. What wants to begin discussion in June?

P. I don't understand that.

K. The area of localities. It will be hard not to make

Convis in a joint, but we don't want to play.

P. I agree.

K. You are on a track elsewhere this evening.

Your father has permission to put in a Card

and sustain.

(Peace President W.G. Anderson)

P. With this group, should I still bring what I propose

and change them to proceed? Let them what they

think.

K. The woman is something you want to do.

for them, it isn't for us.

We have another dinner party. They are now
G
t E suggesting for getting into

Now, for everything related to fire apparatus
area, it is all the W.C.G. processes.

P: We not going to do it. What was, Mr. Bill, if we?
K: Mr. Bill is quite right. It is a ridiculous past

S: Mr. Graham told me something.
K: It was not a transport Democratic group last night.
On Tom, major thing 2, by in being after
Big period, that old idea they put from 1860
Making, I think it is past. He shouldn't.

Let James tell you what

Tell him right first, don't just

wool to decorate the new room.