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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:  President Ford
Mr. Thomas Pappas
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to
the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME:  Tuesday, July 15, 1975
5:45 p.m.

PLACE:  The Oval Office
The White House

Pappas: I am happy to have the opportunity to talk to you about Cyprus,
Mr. President.

President: It is a very perplexing one. I have been close to AHEPA for
years. The first two jobs I ever had I got from Greeks.

Pappas: I am a charter member of AHEPA.

President: Alex Dunar would raise funds in each campaign for me. It was a
very close personal relationship.

Pappas: I agree with you. Let me talk about the humanitarian issue in
Cyprus. That is not too hard to solve. If you could nominate two outstanding
Americans to go to Greece and Turkey to get them together to cooperate on
this. Give them the aid. Get started on humanitarian assistance.

I would try not to bring it to a vote. No one will be helpful wherever
there is a crisis.
President: If we don't bring it to a vote, how do we solve the problem? Turkey bought $70 million of arms, that they now can't get, and they're paying storage. I think we should get the bill passed. I met with Demirel in Brussels. I asked Demirel if I lifted the embargo, would he make a serious effort on Cyprus? He promised he would. Kissinger tells me the most serious problem is the size of the territory. They still have a slight problem on the powers of the government, and movement of people, but the big thing is the territory.

Pappas: I think the Greeks would settle for 30 percent. But send some emissaries out. There is nothing more important to the Greek-Americans.

President: I think the only area we differ is on not bringing it to a vote. Under the bill I would have to report every 30 days. Demirel promised me a sincere effort. I think within 60 days it would be settled.

Pappas: Sooner, but if you could avoid a vote....

President: Tom, we can't avoid one. I have worked with the leaders. If we could get this compromise through, we can get something going while Congress is out and maybe negotiations on our bases on the 17th can be postponed. I met with AHEPA. What can we do?

Pappas: No one can do anything but you. I am close to AHEPA and Iakavos. But send someone out and delay the vote.

Scowcroft: We can help the refugees, but resettlement before the embargo is lifted is a false hope. The best hope for the refugees is lifting the embargo.

President: I think we have the votes.

Pappas: I have no doubt of it.

President: I think if we can get the bill through, we can get a quick settlement if you are right on the Greeks giving 30 percent. But if not, the Greek Government is in danger.

Pappas: That is right. And the alternative is very dangerous. But send some emissaries out there. And think about delaying the vote.

President: I think we are past that point. Congress is going on a recess and we would have to wait over a month.
Pappas: If you win, will you make a strong statement and include Greece?

President: Of course. But I think we have to move and win. Will you help me get some votes?

Pappas: I will give you some help.

President: Tip O'Neill promised to keep quiet. The Speaker is with us. Our two problems are Brademas and Sarbanes.

Pappas: Brademas says a solution can be found. Sarbanes is tougher than Brademas.

President: I had him down here three times. You know someone I don't understand -- my good friend Gene Rossides.

Pappas: He has no following.
 dear sir,

i am writing to inform you about the situation in egypt. there is a very high probability that egypt will make a move to annex the sinai peninsula. this would change the political dynamics in the region. it is imperative that we respond to this threat.

i believe it is in our national interest to support egypt in its efforts to maintain stability in the region. if egypt were to annex the sinai peninsula, it would have significant implications for our strategic interests.

please consider this information and act accordingly.

sincerely,

[Signature]
Do I think the Goths would settle for 30%? But
and some circumstances. Writing some
important to a G-Man.

I think it only once we differ in our
at a rate, doesn't this sound strange
especially. Demoralization was a trying
effect. Let us try and try to settle.

Tell Swann, but if you could avoid a veto,

I am, we can't avoid me. I have asked this
I can't get this wrong or this, but can't
something wrong with that in one may be
put an arm around 10th can be forgotten.

Just use the Bega, whatever can.

If we can send anything but you, I shall be
more of a Bega, but shall send any one

Also, can can help a refugee by settlement before
surprise I have is a false sign. But hope for

settlement is getting slower.

P. Certainly have a vote.

P. I have no doubt of it.

P. We think if we can get a bill thing we can get
a quick settlement of a person might a G
given 37/2. But if not, can't decide. Can't settle
with.

P. If I think we just can't seem to get any

Also, the Fogg, and a bit to very dangerous, but
and some circumstances it than. And
think about delays in vote.

P. I think we just can't seem to get any
Yes, I would love to meet you next month.
If you win, will you make a strong statement?

P: Of course, but I think we both need to win.
Will you help me get there too?
P: I will give you some help.
I tip off the prison to keep quiet. Speak to Red. Once I park you, I'll be out.
P: The boss and the solution can be found within two hours. It's important that we focus on the three times you know.

Someone I don't understand - my usual friend.
Good Riddance.
P: He knows for sure.