MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Amb. Anatoli F. Dobrynin, Soviet Ambassador
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: Wednesday, July 23, 1975
4:41 - 4:57 p.m.

PLACE: Oval Office

SUBJECTS: Grain Sales; Oil; SALT

President: Congratulations on the successful Soyuz splashdown.

Dobrynin: General Secretary Brezhnev would like to congratulate both of
us for the success.

[He gives the President some Soyuz pins. There was further small talk.]

I just wanted to continue the talks on grain. They want me to inform
you we have a climate problem and we want to buy. Up to now they have
bought 10.2 million tons. After our talk, our companies have stopped until
further notice. Our estimate is that new purchases will not exceed what we
have already bought. We stopped buying so as not to disturb the grain
markets and to keep things stable.

President: I appreciated your mentioning it the other day and I am grateful
you came in today. I think it is valuable that we know about it before it gets
into the grain trade. If we can have an understanding that you will let
Henry know before you do anything -- I say Henry, not the Department of
Agriculture. If we have the crops, we should be able to help, but we should
use this channel to avoid any kind of problem.
Dobrynin: That is fine. Then we can avoid any publicity and the difficulty of last year.

President: While we are talking: You are buying our grain. How would you like to sell us some oil?

Dobrynin: How would you see doing it -- against grain or just straight?

President: We haven't thought it through. Think it over.

Dobrynin: I'll tell General Secretary Brezhnev: Maybe he will be ready to say something at Helsinki.

President: Henry has told me about Gromyko's proposals on SALT. We think there is progress. We are working on it now and we hope to have a good response. We hope to have something by Friday. I think the possibility exists to have detente make real progress.

    I think if we can keep it up and show progress on a mutual basis, I think we will be doing fine.

Kissinger: The President and I have met every day on SALT. There are only two issues left, really -- cruise missiles and Backfire.

Dobrynin: Without General Secretary Brezhnev, there would have not been the progress we were able to make. He convinced his colleagues to go along with the concessions we made.

Kissinger: We will make a counterproposal to make it closer.

Dobrynin: To narrow it.

Kissinger: We can't accept your position but I think we can narrow the differences.

Dobrynin: I hope you can, so that we can realize some progress.
D&Co.

1. Conquest on Soong

D. Only could think of conquest with plans for

success.

(Greatly I want Soong's help)

(Great need to move)

I greatly wanted to continue with a plan. They
wanted me to improve you at home. There is no
way to say. But in your case, it hasn't been
right. After our talk, one can now have steped
til further action. Our aim is that you can
not exceed what we have already, but
also stepd longer to do not disturb our
interest for high thing sought.

D. I appreciate your waiting it so long as
someone published your name already. I think
it probable that me know about it before
we go into again that. If we can have
understanding that you will cut K hong
yourbicyclety - say K, not cut away.

I think have a expect we maybe will
be a little help, but we should fire this
channel to avoid any kind of fact.

C. Fear is fine. They can avoid any pulling
of cliff of last one.

D. While we are talking, you are buying our goods
would you like to sell us some oil.

D. How would you view doing it - against
your pre past straight.

D. We thought that at them. Think it was
D. I’ll talk to Barry. Don’t want to return to say something at 4:30.

I. Then told me that the memo on salt. We should stop. We may want to keep it secret. I hope to succeed. I hope we can. I think we don’t understand. I think we can help. I think we will. I think we will be clear.

K. 1. There was no day on Salt. Only wrote a note. I think we will be clear.

D. I wonder. There should be no trouble. I think it will work. We may not achieve it.

L. We will make comments and I will not believe that.

D. To increase it.

K. We can’t accept your position but I think we can increase the difference.

D. I hope you can so that we can achieve more.