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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Cabinet Meeting

DATE AND TIME: Friday, August 8, 1975
2:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Cabinet Room
The White House

President: The first item is a report on CSCE and my trip in general. We stopped first in Bonn and had a good discussion with Schmidt, who is very concerned over the economic situation. I will talk in greater detail with the economic group tomorrow, because Giscard and Wilson are also concerned. From there we went to Poland where we had good talks with Gierck.

Then we went to Helsinki. There has been criticism of the meeting. But it bolstered the West and gave a greater sense of independence to the Eastern European countries. The meeting was a definite plus. The agreement -- the Final Act -- specifies self-determination and peaceful change of the borders.

From there we went to Romania. That is a tough outfit, but with a fierce sense of independence. Then we stopped in Yugoslavia. I have never seen an 83-year-old sharper. We had good talks.

I met with Demirel and Karamanlis at Helsinki. The Turkish aid decision was the worst decision I have seen in my time in Congress. I hope it will be reversed. I met with others, including Giscard and Wilson.

I had two meetings with Brezhnev. We spoke about SALT, the Middle East and other subjects. We made progress, but more flexibility is needed. That is a quick rundown. Henry --
Kissinger: CSCE was never an element of US foreign policy. We never pushed it and stayed a half step behind our allies all through the process. But we didn't want to break with our allies or confront the Soviets on it. The complaints we are seeing show the moral collapse of the academic community. They are bitching now about the borders we did nothing to change when we had a nuclear monopoly. Indeed, they beat Dulles about the head for his position. As the President said, the borders were legally established long ago. All the new things in the document are in our favor--peaceful change, human contacts, maneuver notification. At the Conference, it was the President who dominated the Conference and it was the West which was on the offensive. It was not Brezhnev who took a triumphal tour through Eastern Europe -- it was the President. And even if every spectator was paid -- which I don't believe -- the leadership in those countries felt strongly enough about demonstrating their independence to put out so much money.

Our relations now with our allies are better than ever since the early Marshall Plan days. Our relations with the Soviets -- we didn't have the impression this group was on the upswing. Anyone observing from another planet would not have thought Communism was the wave of the future.
P. The first item is in reply on Cosco any trip you got.

We talked at dinner last night and used the emphasis on

Schreiber, with his very unusual case, and told Hive

talk on greater standards of a new group in the area. Sam

Generals Section also emphasized this

From this to Ben who we had good talk of O'Connell.

Then to Bollack who has been in the city, but are 

expected to receive a concern on one side of the 

circuit to E.E. in military. The city was

on the plans. The losses were settled by treaty,

most of them 32 years ago. The agreement

provided for self-defence, planned changes of borders

from them to Russia, a tough conflict, but

with peace sense of edge. Then to Fyfe. These

were seen as 2$-eye old things, with

great thrill.

Letter of General V. Rao. The Turkish mutiny

were worst in my time or any. I hope it will

be handled quiet in time, and General E. Wilson.

He is not very big, Saint 50, I think. With a

voice quiet but firm when needed. I have a

great admiration for

I note Cosco was made an attorney of US R. We

were pleased he stayed to stay behind all those,

but not enough went to happen of our advice in

contract a case on it. The complainants there

are all physical of great value. They by the way

about loaders are old in writing & change when