

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford  
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: Thursday, September 25, 1975  
10:00 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office  
The White House

Kissinger: At the UN, everyone in the world thinks the Sinai agreement is a great achievement. It is incredible. The Israelis are supposed to begin movement on October 5. If that is delayed, we have a new ballgame.

There are no secret commitments -- Congress has them all. But it's the difference between the U-2 and the Glomar -- the one was a blow up and the other wasn't.

The Israelis know these letters are unenforceable, but it gives them a psychological sense of assurance -- they like things in writing.

We gave the Committee everything except the two presidential letters. Those we won't give -- one includes comments on Syria.

The President: How can we get them to move?

Kissinger: Maybe by a public statement tomorrow. We can sit out the consequences if Congress doesn't act.

The President: Or get the Committee down here.

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CLASSIFIED BY: HENRY A. KISSINGER

Kissinger: The last time you did that was on Vietnam. I am afraid we may be going the same way.

The President: I will not stand still for this. I will do whatever needs to be done to get this through.

Kissinger: It's a nihilistic trend in this country.

Maybe both Committees should come for a breakfast. I worry about having a Committee in the Cabinet room. It breaks down the separation of powers.

The President: How about breakfast on Monday for both Committees?

Kissinger: We have a problem with Sadat's schedule. This is the most important visit this year. It is already fouled up. Your schedulers understandably don't want to scrub your trip on the 29th.

The President: My schedule is really fixed on the 29th. I could meet with him the morning of the 29th. But there is no way I can eliminate this trip on the 29th. I will set aside the weekend though.

Kissinger: We had been thinking of Palm Springs, but he couldn't stay at the Annenberg place, because he is a Jew. Most of the really good places would be the same. Another alternative would be Palm Beach.

The President: Frances Bolton has a place there, I think.

Scowcroft: We will look into the options.

Kissinger: Schmidt is coming on the 3rd. I would suggest just a small lunch, unless you have particular plans.

The President: No, that is fine.

Kissinger: We need to talk about SALT. I don't think we will get a SALT agreement. There will be no Brezhnev visit. So we need to develop an alternative strategy. I think the reaction here to Vladivostok really shook them. If we sign and have a brawl here during their Party Congress, that would be very bad for them. I think they want to wait until their Party Congress is over.

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P How about a breakfast or luncheon for both writes.



- Francis Bolton - Palm Beach  
- Small lunch for Schmitt

Let - Pottery  
- Brewster

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