MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION:

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
William T. Coleman, Jr., Secretary of Transportation
John W. Barnum, Deputy Secretary of Transportation
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Monday, October 6, 1975
10:15 a.m.

PLACE: Secretary Kissinger's Office
The White House

Coleman: There are several problems. The noise level of the Concorde is higher than they originally thought and higher than the standard for subsonic planes -- there is no supersonic standard. There is also an environmental impact statement that it will increase skin cancer by 200 cases a year. It uses a lot of fuel and there is a question of adequate reserves when it gets here. The FAA says it is okay.

Our feeling is that if the FAA and I decide it can come in, Congress will act against it and the President will be faced with a veto.

Kissinger: I would be happy to write a letter telling you the importance on foreign policy grounds.

Coleman: It would also hurt Pan American and TWA. I think you will have to have a fairly firm letter of the damage which would be done if refused.

Another issue is: what if Iran, for example, buys one? Would we let theirs in?
Kissinger: Can't you establish limits on the numbers of planes which can land here?

Coleman: Should the President be involved?

Kissinger: I think we should outline it to him. I will mention it today.

Barnum: But we should think carefully whether he wants to be involved before he gets a bill.

Kissinger: If he wants to veto it, you are better off.
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C. There are several factors: 1. Water level of Casemati is higher than they expect. 2. Higher than standard for submarine alone. 3. There is no emergency. Standard: Talcott has an element of sight statement that it will come in in roughly 200 days. Depends a little bit on the weather. Adequate weather when it gets here. 70% say it won't.

Our feeling is that if the U.S. makes a move in, they will act against it. Per will be faced with a vote. I want to know what.

K. I would be happy to write a letter to, you in both your capacity as 1. general, or 2. 2. I would also suggest that you write a letter to me on the matter. I think you will have to make an official move. It's a clear move which will be done if it's needed. Another reason - what if something can? Could we let them in?

K. Can you write a letter to another # of places which can handle this?

C. Should we talk to them?

K. I think we should continue it to him, if he will listen to us today. But we should also consider whether he wants to be involved before he gets a will.

K. If he wants to vote, you need to be. Why?