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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. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, October 7, 1975 9:40 - 10:18 a.m.
PLACE:	The Oval Office The White House

<u>Kissinger:</u> Perhaps we could get the 200-mile bill effective January 1, 1976. Then we could use the leverage in the negotiation.

The President: You felt the emotion in the room.

<u>Kissinger:</u> But they are wrong. On the deep seabed, if we don't establish some order we will have in 15 years a struggle like the competition for territory during the colonial period.

The President: I better read into this.

<u>Kissinger:</u> We could establish a regime which would organize it, give us 95% of what we want, and give the LDC's some residual. Without it, we could grab what we want but we would have a whole world against us. And that Case is nothing more than a Jewish agent. Why is he -- the chief bleeding heart -- against the Third World? Because of Israel.

I talked with Coleman I am going to give him a letter supporting the Concorde on foreign policy grounds. But a bill may pass on which you may face a veto.

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The President: Does he have a leg to stand on, scientifically?

<u>Kissinger</u>: There is one claim that the SST could cause 200 more cases of skin cancer.

<u>The President:</u> You know I was chief supporter of our SST. That was a serious mistake.

[Senator Church calls the President].

<u>Kissinger</u>: If we ban the landing of the Concorde, we will have a blow-up with the French and the British.

The President: My disposition would be to veto it.

<u>Kissinger:</u> You don't have to face it now at all.

On the grain deal, we can get it any time we want. The key is whether we keep it linked with oil. I think if we hold tough, we will get an oil deal. The Soviets must have the grain. If we don't we will be lambasted by Jackson for giving up our agricultural power.

<u>The President:</u> I think we should keep them linked. How long do you think it would take?

Kissinger: I think within a week.

The President: Let's do it. Send Chuck [Robinson] instructions.

<u>Kissinger:</u> There is another chicken-shit issue on which the Pentagon is dug in -- cruise missiles on the seabeds.

The President: Didn't we agree on this earlier?

Kissinger: You agreed with them at Helsinki.

<u>The President:</u> How would they [the Pentagon] even use it? Do they have a program to do it?

<u>Scowcroft</u>: No, it is not that they have it in mind. They just don't want to limit them in any way until we resolve the cruise missile issue overall.

The President: It's nuts. Give Alex [Johnson] instructions.



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<u>Kissinger:</u> That gets me to Schlesinger: NATO has asked that we don't agree to anything on cruise missiles without consultation. There is an article in <u>The Economist</u> on the virtues of cruise missiles. This is Schlesinger's campaign.

The President: I'll be damned. How does Haig stand?

Kissinger: I doubt if he's heard of it.

The President: Let's get Haig on board on it.

<u>Kissinger:</u> I am getting him back here to talk about Yugoslavia contingency plans with the British and French.

I talked to Dobrynin. He said maybe we could arrange something on cruise missiles, but on Backfire, they are adamant. He also thinks Schlesinger is so dominant now that any agreement would come under very heavy fire here.

The Syrians have violently attacked the agreement -- I think largely because of the publication of these agreements.

<u>The President:</u> The realistic situation is that Congress is not going to get anywhere near what we have recommended.

<u>Kissinger</u>: We are closer to an agreement in '77 than ever. But I must say the Jews are trying to undermine your Administration.

The President: I agree. They could twist a Democrat around.

Kissinger: Any any Democrat would take two years to figure it all out.

I think we can still manage the Syrians. Asad will subside after three or four months, but the damage done is great.

The Economic Summit is 15-17 November.

And you can spend Sunday and Monday morning with Sadat.

The President: Sure.

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Kissinger: And we have to get Rabin here.

The President: Who would be going with us to Europe? Simon?

I have to be in Atlanta the evening of 14 November.

Kissinger: You could see Asad the evening of 17 November and morning of 18 November.

The President: Where would we meet?

Kissinger: Geneva or Vienna.



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