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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: October 10, 1975

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

President: How about taking Lynn to China with me? It could be justified on the basis that I need to be working with him.

Kissinger: That is fine.

President: How about wives? I presume Nancy is going.

Kissinger: I'm not sure. It is nice of you. The Chinese wouldn't care.

President: How about Indonesia and the Philippines? I'd rather not.

Kissinger: It would be marginally useful, but not essential. The Vice President could do it.


Kissinger: That would be fine. Let's RON there and stick to the original schedule.
On the grain deal -- it has not been billiantly handled. We could have him [Robinson] initial and sign the letter of intent, in which case we'd probably never get a price deal. Or we could have Robinson go to the precon, and then return to Moscow Thursday and initial and sign the letter of intent. If you don't have to have it, it might be marginally better to go back Thursday.

President: We are under a lot of pressure.

Kissinger: Butz thinks he can manage with announcing the Polish deal.

Scowcroft: The longer it drags out the more it will look like a fight in which we caved.

President: Let's have Robinson initial and sign the letter of intent by Sunday.

Kissinger: Okay. I will check once more before the final decision.

On Antunes. He is far left by ordinary standards, but he is probably the best we have. We have approved an increase in aid to $55 million, which makes a total of $85 -- a big increase. It looks to me like the Communists have decided to make a stand and we could end up with a civil war.

[General Scowcroft left for a moment.]

There is a bill to make the Treasury a member of the NSC. I think it should be left up to you.

President: No.

Kissinger: You should show Antunes we are behind him.

On King Olav, they are in a dispute with the Soviets about Svalbard. Can he talk politics?

Scowcroft: He's not restricted like the Japanese Emperor, but he can't talk with authority.
P. How about taking hymn to China as/s. It would be
justified on basis if I need to be working w/brin
k. That is fine.
P. How about, mines? I foresee things is going.
P. I don't want to see it, even if I can. China wouldn't
see.
P. How about, hinduism of Philippines. I'd rather not.
P. It essentially worked, but not essential. VP
would bet.
P. OK. I don't mind. Can we stop in Alaska?
Ted Strauss wants it.
P. That could be fine. Let's commit to time and
stick to original schedule.
On ground deal, not been brilliant. Indeed,
we could have seen initial & sign initial
content in which case we'd get some get
a price deal. Or we could have Ritten
up to key can, return to bone, Thomas & sign
a sign letter of intent. If you don't think it
make it, it might be marginally better to
take a week or two.
P. We are under a lot of pressure.
P. But I think she can manage w/somethin-
get took deal.
P. The longer it drag out, the more it will look
like a plain in which case we could.
P. We had initial & sign letter of
intent by Sunday.
P. OK. I will check once more before final
decision.
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K. Continue, the is for led by a minor at first, but he is just a bit at times. We have approved of increase in 1965 by 5% more, which together with the 5% a big increase. It looks to come later a longer-tioned national to make a stand and we could stand as for until now.

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There is no shell to make the currency a member of N.S.C. I think should be left up to you.

P. No.
K. I know about. Continue in our
behind him.
Our Chief, they are in a chop out with about Scudder's. Can't talk politics.
I haven't visited the Jayographs, but can't
talk of anything.