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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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King Olaf V of Norway
Knut Frydenlund, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Soren Christian Sommerfelt, Norwegian Ambassador
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
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PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

The President: It is good to see you. You are always welcome here. We have many good Norwegians in America who have made a great contribution. You will have a good trip.

Olaf: Yes. I am going to Minnesota, Chicago, then to the West Coast and then Alaska.

The President: I understand you will go to Prudhoe [to see the Alaska Pipeline].

Olaf: Yes, weather permitting.

The President: Maybe you can spur them on.

Olaf: How far are they?

The President: I am not sure. They spend most of the winter getting ready for the summer push. It will be a year and a half.

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Olaf: It is a massive construction job. It must be terrible over the tundra.

The President: Yes. The costs are terrible and escalating all the time. You are doing a great job in the North Sea too.

Olaf: Yes, we hope we can get it going. We don't want to have a leak into the North Sea.

The President: How deep do the rigs have to go?

Olaf: I think 30-40 fathoms. I don't recall the exact figures.

The President: We are going to be working the Outer Continental Shelf. How far off the coast are your rigs?

Olaf: Right between us and Great Britain. It takes an hour and a half by helicopter.

Kissinger: You claim it because it is shelf?

Olaf: Yes, it is basically a flat shelf. The border lines were set before the oil discovery, fortunately. The Danes claim that the line was drawn unfairly, but there is no real dispute.

The President: I know the people in Minnesota are looking forward to your visit. The Scandinavians have practically taken over Minnesota.

Olaf: Yes, and North Dakota.

The President: There are lots of Finns in Michigan's upper peninsula.

I certainly enjoyed meeting your Prime Minister at Brussels.

Olaf: Yes. He will be coming here next week. He is not joining me, but he will be travelling in the same general area, including Wisconsin. He worked here on a railroad during the German occupation. Some of his brothers are here, one son is at New York University. He was a foreman before he was 21, so he must have been capable. He wouldn't learn English for a long time!

The President: That is rugged country.
Olaf: Yes, I have been over most of it.

The President: We don't have very regular trains to the West Coast anymore. It is too easy to go by air. But if you have time, it is a delightful way to travel.

How are things coming with your negotiations on Svalbard?

Olaf: There are two questions -- the continental shelf between us and the Soviet Union and the shelf around Svalbard.

Frydenlund: On the delimitation of the Barents, we are talking with the Soviet Union. We had one meeting in Moscow and next month we meet in Oslo. The other issue is in the Law of the Sea Conference.

Kissinger: The NATO meeting next spring is in Oslo. I haven't been there since 1961. Mr. President, have you been there?

The President: Unfortunately, I have never been to Oslo. Many Americans come on cruises in the summer.

Olaf: Yes they do. Some of them rent cars but most of them stay on the ships.

The President: I am not patient enough for that. I do like one of Norway's favorite pastimes -- skiing. Of course I go slower and slower as I get older.

Sommerfelt: You should switch to cross-country.

The President: That's a lot of work. One of my sons is trying to talk me into it. The equipment is cheaper, though. The equipment for downhill skiing now is really expensive -- especially where you have to outfit four children!

You were at the UN?

Olaf: Yes. I spoke there yesterday. It was a pleasant experience.

The President: I spoke there last year.
Kissinger: Was this part of the general debate, or was it a separate speech?

Frydenlund: Separate.

The President: I thanked Senator Humphrey for getting the Sinai agreement through.

Kissinger: He is a great patriot. The Israelis have now signed the agreement.

The President: Good, because the Congress is now recessing for ten days.

Olaf: Then they come back for the State of the Union speech?

The President: No, they will be back in ten days, and they hope to adjourn by 1 December for good. It can't be too soon.

Olaf: When I see your hearings, they seem to be very difficult and laborious.

The President: I am afraid they play for sensation on TV. It has been harmful in many ways.

Kissinger: They catch us both ways on the intelligence business. We are accused of not knowing about coups -- when the local government doesn't know either. Or we are accused of knowing about it -- like Cyprus.

The President: Hindsight is great.

Kissinger: There is always one sorehead who will say he predicted something.

The President: Unfortunately the people on these committees have such a narrow view. We should prepare some of our people to take apart some of these witnesses, like Ray Cline.

Olaf: I would like to present this medal to you while we are still alone, then we can do it again for the press. [He reads the inscription.] It commemorates the landing of the ship Restauratín in 1825 with the first of many Norwegian settlers in America.
The President: Thank you very much. It is beautiful and means much to me. We have so many of your people who have contributed so much to our progress. How many passengers were on the ship?

Olaf: Fifty-two -- fifty-three really. One was born on board.

The President: You had better take it back so we can do it again for the press.

[The press enters again.]

Olaf: [Reads the citation from the Sesquicentennial Committee.]

It has a picture of one side of the Restaurant and on the other side, an immigrant.

The President: Thank you, Your Majesty.
P. Good to see you again. You are always welcome. We have many good memories with each other. I hope you will have a good day.

O. Yes, welcome. Cheering you most of all.

P. I understand you will go to London.

O. Yes, can you do that?

P. Maybe you can join them on the same flight.

O. I don't know. I only speak most of our flights are getting ready for tomorrow. It will be on Friday.

P. It is a very important place, I must be there even a touch.

O. Yes, the seats are touch, and even with all the time, you are doing a great job in the field.

P. Yes, we believe you can get it going. We don't want to lose a single deal with a H-Bex.

O. More deep sea. We hope to see you.

P. I think 20-40 features. I don't think I expect to find.

O. Yes, we hope you will enjoy your O.C. This year of your new project.

P. Right but not O.G. It takes like this by Washington.

O. I'm planning it because it is half.

P. Yes. It is basically a flat half. The London hotel will sit before the election.
Fortunately, the Danish climbers were not

in much hurry, but had a lot to say.

I also met a group of Danes who were

heading for Spain next. They were

particularly taken by Innsbruck.

O: Yes, and Innsbruck.

P: There are lots of things in which

Innsbruck.

I certainly enjoyed many upon FM at

hamburg.

O: Yes, it will be coming back next week.

Next to finding me, but will be timing in

certain good areas, and hailing. Keep

up the game and while timing a carriage.

Some of the brothers are here and are

in at NYU. He was a freshman before all was

21, so he must have been equal. He would

think English for a long time.

P: That is to good society.

O: Yes, I have been some time of it.

P: We shall have very regular times to

meet envers, so it is easy to go by air, but

if you have time, it a delightful way to travel

this one thing being w/your target on water.

O: These are 2 questions - what they did at

SCS & what around Scarlone Island.

P: The administration of business was

done by my assistant.

In SCS, food was hard to get. In fact, I was

nothing in Oder. The other result is in Los...
A: The best way to get there in Oslo.
B: I haven't been there since 1981. Have you ever been there?
A: Unfortunately I haven't been back. Very
B: Interesting...unusual in some
A: There's something about what we do when
B: Most things go.
A: I really enjoyed being part of one
B: Of Norway's favorite pastor's thing. I
A: I was almost made to get that.
B: Actually you should watch it more often.
A: It is a lot of work. One of my team trying
B: to help me with it. Why is it going slow?
A: There's just so much work to really service
B: where you seem to want it to happen.
A: I am at U.

O: Yes. Reputation probably. It was a pleasant surprise.

B: I hope that last year.

K: Now this part of your debate on a separate speech.

P: Separate

O: Thanked Hwang for giving more
B: time.

P: He is a great patient. The I have more
K: special requirement.

P: Good, because Song is visiting for 10 days.
O: Then they come back for 50 TV shots?

P: He thought he had to win 10 days & then it...
adjourn by 1 Dec. Your case can't be too
when keep your hearing. My secret is only
ship & letter.

P. I am afraid they play for sweetness on TV.
It has been discussed in many ways.

K. F. They obtain the work very on a ready basis.
We are accused of not being about long.
We have had to deal with them. I do we
are accused of knowing about it, etc.

P. Hands to the credit.

R. There is always our concern who will try
this method sometime.

P. Unfortunately a people on these wrote lines such
a serious case. We shall prepare some from
people to take apart some of these witnesses like
Rain. Oh.

Q. I would like to present this model to your
assemble on still able, time can can
it require fire paint. (read)
It constructed of landing at ships
Restoration in 1875 info front
of many former effect?

P. Thank you very much. It beautiful
saw nice much to we have so
many of your people into how contributed
in the team paid. Your many on

Q. 5 2 5 3 really, can have been on board.
P. Your button with it must be to not can do it
region per peer
(Rules and)
O. (Rogue e relation from Superior Court)
get the picture on one side of Mexico
I'm certain there for transmigrators
P. (Reports)