MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, November 4, 1975
10:56 - 11:28 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: Whatever is in the press, I am not talking.

The President: Nobody here is either. Each paper is playing it [the President's press conference of November 3] differently.

Kissinger: That was fine. But we have a massive problem. We told them we had to cut down the length of the visit. They said okay. Then we said their communique draft was unacceptable. They seemed very relaxed about the advance. Today they come in with a brutal message.

My people think several things are involved. They may think the trip announcement may appear to cover the internal changes here; the Newsweek articles; and Schlesinger, whom they always praised.

Now, do we cancel? What about Indonesia and the Philippines? How do we play it?

My view is they should cancel, not us. I don't exclude that they may diddle us along. An option is to play it cool, and propose no announcement until the 13th.

The President: How about Indonesia and the Philippines?
Kissinger: I don't see how we can postpone them. Just to make them an extension of the China trip doesn't look good.

The President: I am inclined to leave the cancelling to them.

Kissinger: In '72 Nixon wanted to cancel. Connally said no. You wouldn't get a friendly reception for sure.

The President: I think they should cancel and we should go to Indonesia and the Philippines. Anywhere else?

Kissinger: Maybe Australia and New Zealand.

The President: How about India? We can play hard ball too.

Kissinger: I am not sure about that.

The President: Or go back through the Middle East.

Kissinger: I think that is premature. And the Indians are such shits. They may not want to be used that way.

My people also think that not giving them any advance notice on Bush hurt.

The President: Let's keep cool and not cancel.

Kissinger: Why not propose an announcement on the 13th? Since we have technical arrangements to make, we will tell them we would like to know by Saturday if we can announce on the 13th. Then we could announce the Indonesia and Philippines next Monday.

Scowcroft: If they don't respond on Saturday . . .

Kissinger: We would have to cancel.

The President: Let's proceed on that basis.

Kissinger: We have discussed the coffee agreement.

The President: Yes. We will be meeting.
Kissinger: Fahmy and I will sign the nuclear reactor agreement tomorrow. Is there anything you can tell Sadat on these changes to calm him down?

The President: He seemed okay on Sunday.

Kissinger: That was before the news stories.

The President: Daley called to congratulate the moves. He said he took some flak on Sadat but "Whatever the President wants on foreign policy, I do."

Kissinger: Be careful with the Egyptian editors -- they may embellish. Say things that are of general application to Arabs.

The Sahara is a mess. The Spanish Army is reluctant to appear being kicked out. Juan Carlos said Morocco could have the Sahara if they would call of the march, but they couldn't.

Juan Carlos has sent an emissary to me. Brent will be the private contact. I told him to keep the Army pacified. I also told him that a referendum right away was risky but it would give him elected legitimacy. I said not to let the Communists even form a party, and not to accept the Socialists but go no farther than the center.

The President: Clements came in this morning. He said he thought Jim was sick.

[There was a discussion of Schlesinger's personality and his behavior on the issues.]
K What's in on me - feels, don't think
Nobody hear is in. Each person playing
It differently.

Aren't I play a Chinese question
We think them as hard to out-know a drunk.
They sound the. From now on and then been
- means I'm unaccept - they all had my
- relaxed about advanced. Today they come in
- a brutal way.
Any people think around things are untruth.
They commentators many appeal to their
- interest changes being the Wampee,
- artist, and Schlos' who they prevail.
Throw up away? With what kinds, is it?

How do we play it.
They write in. They should camp, not me &
Don't stumble they anyway celebrate any
- One option is to play at end, program
- ammunition.

P How about funds or ship?
K I don't see there our earn post parts.
Just to move them our Korean if Chinese
- They don't feel good.

P I conclude to leave camps & them.
K I didn't mean it. Write I wanted. Anyway sand
- you conclude get a family reception
- same.

P Think they should came from there idea.
I. Time for coffee duty.

To Linda & Phil, Congrats what?

K: Tyger got it yet?

P: How about Linda? We can play handbell too.

K: She got that one about that

P: Is your club the one?

K: I think that is going the best. I had a 3rd with them. They may not want to do that now.

P: With people that think not giving advance notice on that chart.

K: Help keep score not except.

K: Why don't you become on it. Since we have such arrangements, we like to know by Saturday if even announce on it. Then we could announce - Jude & Phil might.

P: if they don't respond on Saturday.

K: we would have to except.

P: I don't preside on that basis.

K: We have discussed. Coffee agree.

P: Yes, we will be meeting.

K: Fabric. I will sign a magical receipt tomorrow.

Anything you can till Salut or first change.

P: He announced to on Sunday.

K: that it'll be some time.

P: Duke called to congratulate me. Said she took some flakes on Salut not elevation.
I have written to Ed. I do,

Robert went up to dinner. They are embittered.

Smyth of pine-apple in Arabic.

Spanish army reluctant to appear bậcual and Jeane was poised.

I must share a banana if they would carefully; Jeane, but they couldn't.

Candles aren't necessary to me. It will be a private matter. I told him to keep a calm painful. One got him a defenestrated bag.

Away was not by God would find their elected agenting; Said not a lie except lean from a party, not to accept a banana but to be
too farther than the novelty.

1 element came in this morning. He said to

that from was made

(Dominion of Schleswig-Pommerle,

& thereafter on mission)