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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: PRESIDENT FORD
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and Assistant to the President
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy assistant to the President

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 13, 1975
9:40 a. m.

PLACE: Oval Office

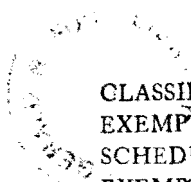
Kissinger: The Chinese offered to postpone the Korean vote in the UN. I told Moynihan to accept right away. But he waited 10 days until yesterday and the Chinese said it was too late. I will plug away with Moynihan because he is a real asset, but it is tough.

We had a letter from Schmidt on his talks with Brezhnev. Brezhnev said he is discouraged with the pace of the SALT negotiations. They are getting the impression that certain circles in the U.S. are making one-sided judgments. They said they understand President Ford's problems with the Congress, but SALT is too important to be used that way, and would Schmidt help. Then they gave a long explanation that they also have to have forces to defend against the Chinese. They must be referring to Backfire.

The President: Don will need educating. Let's have a meeting when he gets confirmed.

Kissinger: Clements said he and Brown had worked out something that I would find interesting. It might be better if it comes not from Don. I originally thought we should delay on SALT, but I think now the problems will only get worse.

The President: I think Don should concentrate on SALT and let Clements manage.



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Kissinger: And now that Schlesinger is gone, I have no problem with taking a Defense representative with me to Moscow.

President: I am glad we have a Schlesinger-recommended force program in case SALT fails. It doesn't look so good.

Kissinger: What would you do about Franco's death? Would you stop by the funeral on your way to Paris? I think I would send the Vice President -- then we might have to send him to the coronation also.

President: I wouldn't rule out my going to the coronation. I could sleep on the plane and go over and straight back.

Kissinger: [Discussion of floating interest rates.] I think they give us a tremendous advantage and force the others to unite against us.

President: I have read that some people think floating rates are a spur to inflation.

Kissinger: The Soviets are pouring in equipment in Angola. Brent, I hope you will be tough.

President: Is there anything you want to tell me about Jorgensen?

Kissinger: A colossal bore. They are worried about the small nations being cut out on economics, but we should stay out of that one.

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