

Ed

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

SECRET/NODIS - XGDS

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

**PARTICIPANTS:** President Ford  
Hon. Richard W. Murphy, U.S. Ambassador to Syria  
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State  
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, November 19, 1975  
10:35 - 10:44 a.m.

**PLACE:** The Oval Office

President: Henry has told me your instructions, and I agree. We are prepared to work for a unilateral concession on Golan, a bilateral negotiation, or one including Jordan. We can agree only to private talks with the PLO before 1977. What will Asad think of this?

Murphy: He has been trying to prepare his position. He has been working with Hussein and trying to keep the lid on Lebanon.

Kissinger: I think you should say the President is anxious to meet him.

President: Perhaps if I go to Egypt next spring.

Kissinger: But don't tell him that.

President: How about UNDOF?

Murphy: They, I think, have decided to renew. They will wait until Waldheim gets there. They have 11 days left and they don't want to rush [humorous].

President: What was the reaction to the Sadat visit?

SECRET/NODIS - XGDS

CLASSIFIED BY Brent Scowcroft  
EXEMPT FROM GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION  
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652  
EXEMPTION CATEGORY 5 (b) (3)  
AUTOMATICALLY DECLASSIFIED ON Imp. to Det.



DECLASSIFIED  
E.O. 12958, SEC. 3.5  
NSC MEMO, 11/24/98, STATE DEPT. GUIDELINES, State Dec. 12-25 3/11/04  
BY lah, NARA, DATE 6/24/04

Murphy: Dead quiet. Asad told me he had heard little about it except that Sadat spoke on the Palestinians. Asad is still suspicious. I think he wants to keep quiet, but there are problems ahead. New villages on the Golan, for example.

Kissinger: Israel doesn't check any of this with us.

President: How about Lebanon?

Murphy: He admits arms supply is out of control and he is worried Lebanon could get out of hand. He will keep on with his campaign against Egypt, though, unless we can get across our determination to keep the process moving.



✓ P/ Aunt Murphy/K

19 Nov 75

10 35 - 10 44

2

P Henry has told me your instructions  
& I agree. We are prepared for unilateral  
<sup>Commission</sup> ~~agreement~~ on Jordan, a bilateral commission, or we  
will Jordan. Can agree only ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~points~~  
talk w/ P&O tape 77. What will <sup>you</sup> think of  
this.

M He has been trying to prepare his position. He  
has been working w/ Hussein & trying to keep a lid  
on Lebanon

K I think you should say ~~Parsons~~ <sup>Parsons</sup> & meet him

P Perhaps if I get E next spring.

K But don't tell him that.

P How about UNDOF

M They I think have decided to <sup>renew</sup> ~~renew~~. They  
won't wait til Waldheim gets there. They  
have 11 days left & they don't want to rush.

P What was reaction to Assad visit

M Dead quiet. Assad told me he had heard  
little about it except ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> Sadat spoke on  
P&O. Assad still suspicious. I think  
he wants to keep quiet, but there are jobs  
ahead. New villages in Jordan, Iraq, Syria.

K I don't check any of this w/ us.

P How about Lebanon

M He admits arms supply is out of control &  
he worried Lebanon could get out of hand.  
He will keep on against E, tho, unless  
we can get across our determination to help  
a peace recovery.

DECLASSIFIED

E.O. 12958, SEC. 3.5

NSC MEMO, 11/24/98, STATE DEPT. GUIDELINES, State Review 3/11/04

BY          NARA DATE 6/4/04

