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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

PRESIDENT FORD

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of

Ambassador Malcolm Toon, Israel Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to

the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME:

Friday, November 28, 1975

10:15 a.m.

PLACE:

The Oval Office The White House

President: How do you like it?

Toon: That is not the right word. The Israelis are a formidable people. It is a tough job.

Kissinger: He has done a magnificent job.

President: I know that. We have had our problems here. Henry has told me of our troubles with their attitude over the past weeks. We don't like their behavior. We will live up to our agreements, but we expect proper behavior.

Toon: I will do my best to get this across. There is a serious leakage problem, but I can talk to Rabin. They are suspicious.

Kissinger: Nothing is going on.

Toon: I know that but they are suspicious.

Kissinger: Your instructions are good now. They must be told that their behavior must change; we will keep our agreements and there must be movement on Golan and a concept for a settlement.

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Toon: Their concept is to sit tight. Rabin said he is committed only to "consider" a unilateral movement.

Kissinger: Hell, it was Rabin's idea.

<u>President</u>: Instead of the Israelis thinking they have a problem with the President and the Secretary of State, their problem is what might happen to our request to the Hill. We lived up to our commitment—we sent the whole package up there.

Kissinger: They bitched that the Housing Guarantee was in the \$2.3 billion.

President: That takes the credit away from the U.S. I reluctantly approved that. We will fight for the \$2.3 billion but there are mumblings on the Hill

Scowcroft: OMB recommended only \$400 million in military aid next year.

Kissinger: That is based on their assessment of the real need.

President: The request is hanging in there not because of the Jewish community, but because I am saying it is in the national interest.

I also insist that Egypt's program is of equal need. They can't propose cutting Egypt and keeping Israel at full level.

Toon: I'll do my best, Mr. President.



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