

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 28, 1975
9:30 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House



[The press was admitted for a brief photo session.]

Kissinger: Did you have a chance to read the Mao conversations?

The President: Not all of them. I will read them on the plane.

Kissinger: You shouldn't worry about the detailed bilaterals -- like the claims.

The President: Is there any chance for those?

Kissinger: It's not in our interest, really. The Congress, you know, rejected the Czechoslovakia settlement and probably would give us trouble. Habib should handle it if they want to discuss it.

The President: I think it will be a good visit.

Kissinger: It is an important visit. Why have they insisted on your coming? These are unemotional people. Our kicking them around in October really paid off. You should curbe some of the middle level people in the Press Office who are asking why are we going. They gave a good reception to the advance team. I would not exclude that Chou would be at the private dinner. I don't see how Mao could [To Scowcroft]. Will there be crowds?

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Scowcroft: They have hinted, but not said.

Kissinger: They are masters of nuance and always polite.

The President: Catch me if I miss anything.

Kissinger: There is a problem on the UNDOF extension. The Syrians want a UN Security Council resolution calling for a meeting in January. We can't prevent that. The resolution is okay except that it calls for PLO attendance at the debate. We will propose dropping inclusion of the Palestinian question and PLO; that will be rejected. As a fallback we can agree to include the Palestinian question. Israel and Moynihan will scream. We could tell Waldheim we could agree with this and then the PLO attendance would come up as a procedural question which is not vetoable. We can't really prevent it from happening anyway and this is the best way to manage it. Calls for a discussion are not vetoable; a debate we can't even fight. PLO attendance we can fight, but not veto. We probably would be the only negative vote. Subject to your concurrence, we will proceed that way.

The Israelis will raise hell, but they have behaved disgracefully. If this weren't an election year, I would recommend smashing them next year. I think the Israelis want a war. They think a war in '76 is better than later. They want to embroil us with the moderate Arabs. They are pushing us on the boycott and in every way to push us to extremes.

Scowcroft: They went into orbit on Hal Saunders' statement.

Kissinger: Saunders made a very moderate statement saying not all PLO were terrorists.

The President: They ought to pay attention to their money problems on the Hill. They are in trouble.

Kissinger: They are working on the Hill, but they are working to pass so many resolutions that you will be hamstrung in the Middle East in '77.

I would like Toon to tell them their tone is unacceptable. We need either a negotiation or a unilateral move on Golan. They promised. We also want their conception of the future. Toon will say their conception is to do nothing.

The Verification Panel meeting was the best ever.

Scowcroft: Henry was superb.

Kissinger: But I must say Don had Defense focus on the issues. It was really very good.

[Outlined what we would do over the next month].

You have a paper on Angola. There are three basic options.

Scowcroft: Really four. The bureaucracy really wants to do nothing.

Kissinger and Scowcroft: [Described the Angola proposal].

The President: I think reprogramming is the best way to go.

[Time Magazine came in for pictures.]

Kissinger: The Portuguese Government wants some riot control equipment. I think we should do it.

The President: So do I.

Scowcroft: I will have a 40 Committee meeting.

Kissinger: You don't have to approve it, but don't reject it.

✓ P/K Friday
28 Nov 75

9:30 am

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circulations.

P Not all of them. I will make a plan.

K You shouldn't worry about a detailed letterhead -
letter & claims.

P Any chance for those?

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you know rejected a 6 year settlement &
prob would give us trouble. I wish I could handle
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P I think it will be a good asset.

K It is an important asset. Why have they
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employed people. Our backing team arrived
in Oct really paid off. You should
meet some of the middle level people in
press office who are asking why are we
going, etc. They give a good exception to
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Don't see how I can avoid. Will there be
enough?

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They met previously on UNDOF
in Feb 2002 meeting on Postprogramme -

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RES (Described the Angola proposal)

P I think reprogramming is a best way to go
(time may come in for pictures)

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I think we should do it.

P So do I.

S I would have a 40 State mtg.

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