MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford  
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State  
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Assistant the President for NSC

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 6, 1976  
9:15 a.m.

PLACE: Oval Office

President: I watched the three-hour foreign policy NBC program last night. The only thing I really objected to was their treatment of the Cyprus crisis. They ignored the Greek attempt to assassinate Makarios.

Kissinger: I didn't watch it. I thought your St. Louis speech [to the American Farm Bureau Federation] came over very well.

President: I thought the whole day went well.

Kissinger: I think you are doing well. The press is trying to spook you. You are not in trouble, I think, if the people around here can be supportive. Ed Williams said Levi is considering an indictment against Helms.

Scowcroft: I think it is lousy. I don't think Congress will appoint a Prosecutor and if they do, it will couce back on the Democrats.

Kissinger: Dobrynin said the Pravda article on Angola meant nothing. If they have something to say to us they will say it. He was very cocky; now intervention means everything except their support of the MPLA.

It is pathetic the African answers to your letter. They want help but they don't see how they can trust us after the Senate vote. It was an outrageous thing for the Senate to do.
The key is the OAU meeting. I will meet with the African Ambassadors. If we don't wrap it up before Congress comes back, I think all hell will break loose. After the meeting we should meet next week, perhaps have a NSC, to coolly decide what to do. If we get a good resolution we can decide -- but the press is playing it as another Vietnam.

President: I think there is a little better feeling now about it than two weeks ago, but it is still murky.

Kissinger: Most of the responses to your letter -- Sadat, Kenyatta, have been very good.

We will have a SALT NSC Thursday. Whatever the positions, there is an entirely different attitude. Don has basically changed the whole atmosphere. The discussions have been serious and workmanlike.

There are three basic options: (1) Deferral. I am worried that moratoriums are hard to end and I think we should legitimize cruise missiles. After the election the Democrats will go to the left of you. (2) Include Backfire. That's a good position but nonnegotiable. (3) A mixed package like you and I discussed weeks ago. [He described some of the elements.]

Dobrynin was afraid when I called him in that we would cancel the trip. If we were stronger, we probably should, but you have rightly said we shouldn't link grain and Angola, and we can't then link SALT with it.

President: I agree.

[Discussion of SALT options and President's support of mixed package.]

Kissinger: Brent says you did not raise the Israeli aid for FY '77.

President: [Described what happened.]

Kissinger: They will scream like hell. It is a purely political decision. They will do everything they can to beat you, whatever you do. Israel's behavior has been unbelievable. [He described what happened with the President's message about the four settlements.]

Israeli behavior has made PLO pressure inevitable by refusing movement in any other area. They are acting like common thugs. [Story about Dinitz not...]

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knowing about the President's letter. They talk about a Soviet-Syrian victory when we got an UNDOF extension for practically nothing. We could not in any event have prevented a Security Council resolution. I don't believe there was Soviet-Syrian collusion.

[He reads the Allon departure statement.] This is a god-damned country of 3 million. No one can talk to us this way.

President: And on the money. OMB wanted it at 750 million. I more than doubled that.

Kissinger: I think you have to tell Rabin that Nixon bombed Hanoi in '72 and you will do what is right regardless. I don't think we can get through the next year without at least convening the Geneva Conference. I wanted to try to slide through the year but Israel wants to use it to wreck our relations with the Arabs.

President: You mentioned the Iranian oil. What is the problem?

Kissinger: The gain is not in money but in putting more oil on the market.

President: I will act on it right away.

Why do the Portuguese let the Cubans land in the Azores?

Kissinger: We have protested but they claim they have no legal right to stop them. I will go at them again.

My recommendation is we go down the line with the Israelis but then we start moving and contact.
I understand < 8 tub € N 6c pers. last week.
The only thing I really regret was a E. pers.
neutr. They required < 8 tub attempt to remove.

K: I don't want to. I think we'll have enough
come our way.

P: But the whole day will count well.

K: I think you are doing well. The post is trying
to protect you. You are not in trouble, but the
7 people who were there can be persuaded.

Ed Warden will keep considering indictment
against Hines.

S: (Personal Communication 11/1/76)

O: I think it is hasty. I don't think they will get
a paragraph 1. If they do it will become back
in hours.

L: They send a hundred tickets without anything. If
they have something to say to us they will say it.
It was very crude. The information means well
as part of support of NHRA.

P: It is pathetic. Be careen concerned to your kids.
They won't help, but they don't feel how they
can trust me often. Suggest write. It seems
20 extraordinary thing for them to do.

This way is a good way. I will meet with your
uncle. If we don't want it very before they can
write. I think will still will thank them. After
I met, we should meet next week, perhaps am or UC,
to clearly decide what to do. Give just a good
resolution we can decide - but a person is
playing it somewhat VN.

P: I think there is a little better feeling now that
at the time two who ago, but it is still mushy.

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BY ID NLF DATE 3/14/76
K \textbf{ wrapped up expenses} 2 days with $200. P expected, back soon any time.

K will have a salt N.S. There. Write to a position, there is an entirely different situation. The December have been known, unmentionable. Then are 3 basic options. (a) Deliver, I worried this maintenance and had to deal. I think we

should maximize current income. (b) Continue Dues will go to help if you do. (c) Indicate

background. Good position just now - very. (d) I don't know which I should do. (e) I discussed

weeks ago - (don't remember)

Debby was asked when I asked him I was back a day. He was going where he was. After the return, not go - have anything, and shouldn't

with George, Angela + writing their letter Scott

of it.

P: Say you:

(Decided to send options + P support B)

P: Say you:

(Decided what happened)

P: They will scream like hell. It a guilty.

P: They will do anything they can to last - from whatever you have. I know how been

unbelievable. (Described 1 letter about

of settlements)

P: Behave have made P.D. possible inadvisable.

They are acting like common things, (try)

about writing letter (writing about P letter). 

They talk about a San-Syria meeting when we
get UNOF extension or something why we
need one why don't the people in UNOF
negotiate, I don't believe that this
will happen.
(Read Allen's statement). This is
a C&D worth of 8 million, we can't talk
to the UN.
P and on the money, OMS wanted 750,000.
I more than doubted that.
I think you have a term there that is
enormous. How much is right
reasonable? I don't think we can get
the sum of $10 million or
at least anything around
this type. I want to try to still have you
and I want to use it to make sure
this works.
You must think I'm a fool. What is your
plan? The plan is not in but in putting our
own in the market.
P I will act on it right away.
Why do this? Let's - Colman land not ages.
I have potential but they claim no
legal issues to stop. I will go around again.
Any reason, we can go down a kind of a cut, but
then we start moving again.