MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 11, 1976
4:32 - 5:14 p.m.

PLACE: Oval Office

Kissinger: You were spectacular at the meeting.

President: I thought I didn't sparkle at all.

Kissinger: You were very much a President-in-charge and everyone
knows what you are after. After the elections this government needs
overhauling - - it is close to being corrupt.

I think probably you should go to III, but II is far better for us.

President: I agree it is.

Kissinger: Don has discovered arms control, Brown is for III, and Ikle.

President: He is the worst. Once this thing is over, he is finished.
But what should we do?

Kissinger: I have to say go with III Brent?

Scowcroft: Regretfully, I agree.

Kissinger: We will draft you a letter to give to Brezhnev by Saturday.
President: Okay, but it gr avocado me that we have to propose a less than optimum option.

Kissinger: We have no discipline left, Mr. President. After November you must assert some control -- you can't right now.

President: I watched Reagan give his speech on TV at noon.

Kissinger: I don't know what you think, but I would take him on.

President: We will take him on. I made a tough statement but it wasn't carried very well. You hit him in your press conference.

Kissinger: Has Scranton accepted?

President: He said he wanted 24 hours.

Kissinger: May I call him, too?

President: Sure.

Kissinger: How about China? We really need to move.

President: They are bringing a list in today.

Kissinger: [Goes over the list.]

President: Ask Hewlitt.

Sisco to Moscow.

Kissinger: I would still like Rogers for Deputy.

President: He is talking about Panama. Can you keep him quiet?

Kissinger: Yes, I will. And I will do nothing for now and give you another crack at him in April.

In Africa, if we can propose some sort of aid program after my trip, we may yet turn this thing around.

In the Middle East, we will pursue the options we discussed but we won't get anywhere. Rabin admitted he wanted either to humiliate Syria or force them to war. But I think we will be driven to do something with the PLO before the year is out.
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K: I'm sure总书记 is upset.
P: I thought I did a pretty good job.
K: You were very much a president-in-mind and everyone knew what you are after. It is time to have someone else think. I don't think you should go III, but it is in your better interest.
P: Despite it is.
K: Don't be alarmed over Brown. He is free.
P: It is a worst. Once this thing is over, he is finished. But what should we do?
K: I have to go to Peking. What about you?
S: Repeal a few.
K: We will draft a letter to you & my son to stay by Saturday.
P: OK, but I want to tell you that we have received a letter from the government.
K: We have no evidence of lift. Mr. Aoi now you must arrest your control - you can't right now.
P: I can't control anyone since you speak for that man.
K: I don't know what you think, but I would take Mr. Aoi.

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K: How's everything accepted?
P: He said he wanted 24 hrs.
K: How's it coming, we really need it.
P: They bring it next week.
R: Come on a list.
K: Other matters.

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K: I still like Still Rogers for deputy.
P: He is talking about Lava. How you keep him quiet.
K: Yes, I will. And I will do nothing forever
and give your mother twice at time.

As before, if we can prepare some sort and keep off the enemy, we may get them to this ground.

As before, we will prepare a system of defenses, but we won't get anywhere. Adams advocated the removal within to Harwich, Sippick or even to war. But I think we will be driven to do something else. The before system is not.