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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:	President Ford Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, March 9, 1976 9:28 - 10:02 a.m.
PLACE:	The Oval Office

<u>Kissinger</u>: I have asked for a letter from Atherton. I am just worried that if we replace him and give him another post, at his confirmation they will ask him about your conversations with Sadat.

The Sheehan article just about did it for me with the Jewish community. Humphrey called me to say the Jews are going all out on the C-130's. We must stand fast.

<u>President:</u> Henry, we are going to stand fast on this. They are so short-sighted I can't believe it.

<u>Kissinger</u>: I gave Dinitz hell. If Sadat gets overthrown, Israel will be faced with thousands of tanks, hundreds of aircraft, etc.

<u>President:</u> On Atherton, let's look at the letter he sends. [There is discussion of what should be done with him.]

Kissinger: Lou Harris told me his latest poll showed me at 60 percent and Moynihan at 40 percent in dealing with the UN and Zionism.

President: I think Pat has really hurt himself.

Kissinger: Eilts is here. Can I bring him in?

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President: What shall I tell him?

<u>Kissinger</u>: I would propose a large movement in return for nonbelligerency. Tell Sadat that if that doesn't work, we are prepared to try for a conference but it will be hard this year.

On the Sadat speech, I think it is a good idea but we shouldn't urge. [There is a break while Eilts comes in].

<u>Kissinger</u>: Given what you said at Rambouillet, slipping a tariff on right now would produce a very, very bad reaction. If you could go for OMA without a club at the end.

President: Let me read it and then we can talk.

<u>Kissinger</u>: I would like to talk another time about State personnel. If you are uneasy about Rogers, we should maybe do something else.

President: Let's talk about it. I like Rogers personally.

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