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PARTICIPANTS:

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

DATE AND TIME:

Wednesday, June 2, 1976
9:18 - 10:00 a.m.

PLACE:

The Oval Office

Kissinger: I wonder if Simon and I shouldn't brief on the Rambouillet II announcement.

President: Good idea.

Kissinger: I think it would look good.

President: Cavaney has looked at the Dorado.

[Some discussion]

Let's call Schmidt.

Kissinger: Could we spend 15 minutes on my schedule with your political types?

President: We should do it this week with Morton, Cheney and Brent. Will you set it up, Brent?

Kissinger: 

President: They have wanted to for a long time. What do they want from us?
Kissinger: He wants us to screen the Soviets from moving into Libya, aerial photos of Libya, and contact with the Sixth Fleet. They don’t...

On Lebanon, we should just say we are in touch with all the parties. We are opposed in principle to intervention but we can’t comment on each individual move each party makes. We urge restraint on all the parties.

Kissinger: Who is attending the Juan Carlos meeting?

Scowcroft: Just the Foreign Minister.

Kissinger: There is a difference between the King and the Foreign Minister. You have to remember that the Bourbons have screwed things up for 300 years. The Foreign Minister sees the King as a constitutional monarch. The King sees himself as Giscard. Everyone is pressing Spain to move fast. Spain has fluctuated between authoritarianism and anarchy. There is no democratic tradition. They need time to develop the center. I would treat the King as if he had the authority, even though it might make the Foreign Minister restive.

I would ask him his plans, but suggest he move fast enough to keep the pressure under control but not so fast to get out of control.

[Discussion of the Turkish bill]

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