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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford

William W. Scranton, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President

for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME:

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Friday, June 4, 1976

4:15 - 4:31 p.m.

PLACE:

The Oval Office

Scranton: Secretary Kissinger has been great about keeping me filled in on Africa. I am a black Africanist but I won't step out of line at all. I know the line on Rhodesia, South Africa and Namibia.

Brent, you need to see the Namibia paper on Kissinger's desk.

The President: One thing to keep in mind: We will be wooing delegates during this period and some of them are not -- to say the least -- in sympathy with our African policy.

Scranton: I am aware of that and I am not giving toasts and going to lunches and dinners. I am not taking press and I am giving just one speech at ECOSOC.

Brent, be sure you look at the final draft.

On another matter, the Israeli expulsion issue may come up. We are trying to steer it off.

Another issue: Puerto Rico is supposed to come up in the UN. The nonaligned statement from Algiers was not helpful. You might consider a tough statement when you are in Puerto Rico.

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The President: That is a good idea. Maybe I should go down Friday night or Saturday morning to have a break between that and the Conference.

[Some discussion.]

Maybe we'll helo to the Old Fort for a statement, then to the Dorado.

Scranton: One small point. Somoza said he told Major Daley what you wanted him to.

The President: I don't remember what it was.



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MEETING WITH WILLIAM W. SCRANTON U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Friday, June 4, 1976 4:00 p.m. (15 minutes) The Oval Office

From: Brent Scowcroft

I. PURPOSE

Governor Scranton wishes to discuss his upcoming trip to Africa, June 12 to July 2.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

A. Background: Governor Scranton will be visiting eleven African countries during a three-week trip. The trip is designed to complement Secretary Kissinger's African tour. Governor Scranton will meet with numerous African officials to discuss your policy toward Africa, key bilateral issues, and important UN issues in advance of the 31st UN General Assembly this fall. The trip will immediately precede the annual OAU summit in Mauritius in July, at which decisions will be sought on common African positions on regional and UN problems.

Governor Scranton will visit Sierra Leone, Senegal, Upper Volta, Gabon, Central African Republic, Tanzania, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zambia, Cameroon, and the Ivory Coast. He will conclude his trip by leading the US delegation to the 61st Conference of the UN Economic and Social Council in Abidjan.

- B. Participants: Ambassador Scranton, Secretary Kissinger and Brent Scowcroft.
- C. Press Plan: Press photo session. Meeting to be announced.

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III. TALKING POINTS

- 1. I am pleased that you are going to Africa. Following Henry's trip, it will help underscore our determination to work for improved relations there. I understand you will be stopping in a number of countries which the Secretary did not have time to visit. Please extend my personal greetings to the African leaders you meet.
- 2. You should reinforce the major statements Henry made in Africa and make clear my support for strengthening our bilateral ties as well as my personal commitment to working closer with Africans to find solutions to the continent's problems.
- 3. I will be looking forward to your reports of your discussions with the officials you will be visiting.

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