MEMORANDUM

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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 & TIME: Monday, June 14, 1976

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: [Spoke briefly about Cancun, in the Yucatan, where he had spent
the last day of his Latin American trip.]

Portillo is eager to get to meet you. He wants to come up here. I would
recommend September or October. We have to be careful because Portillo
isn't sworn in until December. We could have him here for a family dinner.
You can't give him a State dinner. He is a much more attractive man than
Echeverria. Echeverria is coming to San Antonio on October 2 if you want
a big splash. You have to be careful then too, because he wants to be
Secretary General of the UN.

President: When should it be?

Kissinger: They would like it as soon after the 15th of September as possible.
Then Echeverria would go to San Antonio on the 2nd of October.

President: Brent, let's look into it. How was your trip?

Kissinger: I know I keep saying it, but our relations are better than ever.
There was none of the usual bitching at the OAS meeting. They want you
to be re-elected so badly. In the Panama statement, for example, they
admitted there were differences.

President: What about the Cuban situation?
Kissinger: They are scared to death about Cuba. I said in the private meeting that we wouldn't tolerate an Angola in the Western Hemisphere. They all ran immediately to their governments and press with it.

The Chilean regime is authoritarian. But they printed the whole text of my human rights speech and the OAS condemnation. The Jamaican Foreign Minister railed about the jails, so they took him to the prisons and showed him.

The Chilean people are very attractive, and the biggest sin of the government is to have wiped out a leftist government. Pinochet didn't ask for anything. He said he would like assistance but would get along without it if he had to.

President: How is the economy coming?

Kissinger: It is ironic that we gave more aid under Allende than before or after. Peru has 300-400 Soviet tanks and we won't even send spare parts.

We are in the best shape in Latin America since the Alliance for Progress was announced. Masses of people turned out everywhere I went.

Argentina is moving to cooperate. But they will start to get hit on human rights. There is a major terrorist problem in all of Latin America. They are jointly cooperating and it is hard to deal with it.

The problem area is the black Caribbean countries, who are flirting with Cuba. I told Jamaica we weren't destabilizing them. He admitted it, but said they are short $100 million and that was destabilizing. It is criminal that we can't get anything out of the Congress. $50 million would do wonders.

The whole aid program is geared to the most seriously affected -- the basket cases, where no real progress can be made. A little help with some of the more advanced countries, though, could show some real payoff. I am not sure we shouldn't concentrate our aid there until they reach take-off, and hold the most affected just to charity. Brazil and Mexico are good examples. Right now we piss it away on the basket cases.

President: What is the situation in Lebanon?

Kissinger: [Showed a map of the military situation.]

I think the Syrians underestimated the resistance of the PLO and have taken heavy losses.
President: The Israelis seem pretty quiet.

Kissinger: They are so quiet the Egyptians think we are colluding. But we might as well take credit for keeping them quiet. If it appears they are quiet on their own, the Egyptians may think Israel is weak.

On Jordan, my people want to make Hussein a new offer on the Hawks before he leaves for Moscow. I disagree. If we make a better offer he will wonder why we didn't make our best offer earlier, and it may indicate that playing us off against the Soviet Union pays off.

[There was a political discussion. The President said he was going after the Congress after the convention.]

Kissinger: Angola is coming up again in the Security Council. The last time, it came up for membership and we persuaded the Africans that we would veto, so they agreed to delay it. We could possibly delay if we promised to abstain. I slightly lean to veto though it will hurt us in the UN and the OAU in the meeting at the end of June.

President: I lean to saying we will veto.

Scowcroft: The ideal would be to try to delay until there is evidence the Cubans are withdrawing. Then we could claim a victory.

Kissinger: That would be best. Let's see if we can postpone it without any commitment.
K. (Discussion of Cambodia)

Portilla is eager to get to Saigon. He wants to come up here. I would recommend Syria Oct.

We have to consider because Portilla is not sure when he will be. We would have him leave for a family dinner. You could give him a State dinner.

This is much more attractive than the 5th.

Each is coming to Saigon on Oct 2. If you want a trip delayed, maybe in Canada, too, because he wants to be Sen. Caudle of VA.

P. When should it be?

K. They would like it on some other day. It's a soft subject. I'm sure Ed in S. A. on 2nd.

K. Dear, let's look into it. How was your trip?

P. How do I keep saying it, but over what was a big, think warm. There was another conference with the other party. They want your info. It is a sensitive subject. The foreign affairs and the people. They asked that this was different.

K. What about Carter visit?

K. They are concerned about Cuba. I said no. In fact, they were that the people in Cuba — he it. They all seem— what, to this point or future, if it.

The Cuban regime is authoritarian, but they are also critical of the American right of regime,却是卡斯特罗。今天上午，卡斯特罗又对一些极右翼国家进行了谴责。
would. She only but would get along of foot out of
the boat.

P. How in's coming coming?

K. It is coming that we gave some and under Okkala
Then before a other.

Please give 301-400 for truck & we want man
about 10 price places.

We not can fast stage in left time because to day
was so dull. Thousands of people turned out
around & I went.

Argentina is coming to songs. But they will start
not get out on human rights. There is a major
decision put in all of h4—quinty regently.

It is hard to deal with.

The year area is black Earth countries &
car farming etc/also.

I told Japanese we wanted distasteful in them. He
denied it but said they that 500 and
that was distasteful. It is certain that
we can't get anything out of Congo. 50 and until
be removed.

The week day is general to a麝toff in
basket cases where no real pay can be
made. A little help of some of more
advanced countries that would show some
help off. I want peace we shouldn't commit
or act down till they take off the most off.

Just to change things it requires original people.

Right now we pass it away on transit cases.

P. What is a set in Okkala

K. (shows a map of wind etc.)

I think—Syrups instead. 1 more time of 1
I'm not sure what fully means.

I do think pretty print.

Let's see. I think we can't really. But

an excerpt and I will take this for playing them

part. I see negativealing in a judgment. I think this is weak.

On further, many people want to make them see a

mid-level, keeping the balance in frame, especially

if we make a better offer. It would work with us

but make sure that if you're early, if the

indicate that playing me against it's going off.

(Pointed discussion, I said it was going to

even offer at arbitration.)

K. Does it carry any again in St. (Remarking

even more potential). We could pretty much if

we can't make an abstain. I slightly lean to belief

that it would amount to unholiday it's unlimited

valid force.

P. I mean it's wrong and we will write.

S. Then shall would be to try to bring mental thing

in. Evidence claims of sharing. Then we

would claim in motion.

K. Trust would be good. But so if you can protect

e at any contact.