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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford  
Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense  
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, June 23, 1976  
10:04 - 11:01 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

[Discussion of the Task Force alert posture in the Mediterranean. The President agreed to go to a 48-hour alert. The President's inclination was to go to 72 hours.]

Rumsfeld: Puerto Rico. DOD is ready to be of any help it can.

President: We are working on it.

[Mention of the Marine battalion.]

Rumsfeld: There is a fracas with Treasury about NSC operations with respect to Puerto Rico protection.

We should tell the Allies at Puerto Rico they have to increase their expenditures on NATO [He gives the President a paper with statistics.]

Carter has a group working on the Cyprus issue, including Brzezinski etc. Their people are saying the Republicans screwed up with the Greek colonels and didn't keep them from going into Cyprus. Then Carter meets with the Greeks, makes friends with them, and tells them he has to give the appearance of even-handedness to solve the problem. Then

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he says the key to everything is a Cyprus solution. Therefore, the base deals should be scrapped. Instead we should negotiate a 1-2-year base deal and then go after Cyprus.

Jordan -- when the King gets back, we should be prepared to make a new offer. And we should put someone in charge -- it can't be me, Scowcroft or Henry, but someone has to be in charge and focus on it.

On these base negotiations, we are being supplicants. These deals should be in both our interests. As is, we are begging them to let us stay. We should get out if it isn't in our mutual interest.



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Discussion of TF alert posture in a med.  
Papered to go to 48 hr alert. P-orientation  
go to 72 hrs.

R Puerto Rico. Dad is ready to be of any help  
it can.

P What are we doing on it  
(Mention of a Marine base)

R There is a process of <sup>NASP</sup> ~~transmission~~  
open up respect to PR protection

We should tell a Allies at PR they have  
to increase their expenditures on NATO  
(Gao has a paper w/ statistics)

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Brazzyski

Carter has a guy working on a Cyprus issue,  
and Brazzyski, etc. The people say a Report.  
Secretary w/ a Greek ~~color~~ <sup>color</sup> didn't keep them  
from going into Cyprus.

Then Carter wants w/ Greeks, ~~to~~ make  
friends & tells them he has to give appearance  
of even handedness to whole = prob.

Then he says a guy is Cyprus ~~what~~

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we should negot a 1-2 yr base deal & then go  
after Cyprus.

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