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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Gerald R. Ford
 Ambassador William Scranton, U.S. Permanent
 Representative to the UN
 Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President
 for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, July 8, 1976
 5:50 - 6:33 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Scranton: Your policy is wanting no foreign troops in Africa -- no matter whose. Keep it up; they really like it.

In Mozambique, I got the impression they aren't anxious to end the Rhodesian thing soon -- because the longer it goes, the more radical it will get and the whites will be out totally. So while the others want rapid action on Rhodesia, they are pessimistic about the possibility of resolving it through negotiations.

I have one criticism -- we are not making enough effort to get to Machel. No American leader has met with Machel. It isn't easy, but the others -- Kaunda and so on -- are paying more and more attention to him.

They are all excited with themselves. They are all talking liberation.

The President: Rhodesia and South Africa, or just Rhodesia?

Scranton: Primarily, Rhodesia, but if that worked, he would go after South Africa.

The President: What did they think about Henry's meeting with Vorster?

Scranton: Mozambique is very cynical and self-righteous. Their attitude is no good could come of a white talking to a white. Nyerere thought it was good, but he doubted the possibility of a peaceful resolution.

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The man with the most impact is Machel, because he is working at it. He is training troops, spending time at the front, etc.

We will not break the Arab-African anti-Israeli front this year. The Vorster visit to Israel killed us for this year. They don't want to throw Israel out of the UN, but there will be lots of rhetoric this fall.

What about the Ugandan resolution?

The President: [Described the discussion with Kissinger yesterday.] I would not offer a resolution. I think it is bad parliamentary tactics.

Scranton: We did have a resolution. No one would buy it. The British then offered one. We may get several more on board, but it looks like they have nine votes and we will have to veto.

But my point is something different. If you had been Rabin, wouldn't you have done the same thing if you could?

The President: I sure would.

Scranton: I plan to say that as a personal note, because I don't think most people realize the responsibility of a head of government.

[Discussion of the possibility of Presidential press conference tomorrow and questions on Uganda.]



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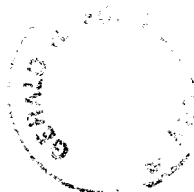
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(Discussion of possibility of P press
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