MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE & TIME: Tuesday - July 27, 1976
10:01 - 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

President: Is there anything new on the evacuation?

Scowcroft: No. It went very well. The number evacuated is still 156 Americans and dependents.

Kissinger: We have given them enough notice.

There are no outstanding issues with [Australian Prime Minister] Fraser. He has an obsession with the Soviet Union. He is too hard line on that.

Did you see Carter now saying he would use nukes where we have alliance commitments? That leaves out much of the world.

President: We ought to be able to use that too.

Kissinger: I met with Botha yesterday. We have that part of the package all set. As a matter of fact, if anything, they are too eager. But they are playing it just right. Botha spoke to the press after the meeting and said there are still problems.
President: Yes, I wondered about that.

Scowcroft: Henry programmed him. He wouldn't have said there were any difficulties.

Kissinger: I think they should appear reluctant. Otherwise we will get no leverage from them to use with the blacks.

On the timing, I am afraid we can't get it wrapped up prior to the convention and the non-aligned conference. I would worry about being backed up to the convention in circumstances where they might think they could force more concessions from us.

President: I agree with that. Anyway, the period between the convention and Labor day would be very good.

Kissinger: When should I arrive at the convention?

President: I am probably not going until Sunday night. You should arrive Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

Kissinger: All right.
May hope to comment in most plans tomorrow. Can discuss package.

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P: Any thing more on this? (Still unconfidential)
S: No. It means very much.
K: We have no time to write a notice.

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reason. Discussion of J.S. He is too hard to
see that.

Dil your top level about who would
more over there when we have obtained
in the United States. That leaves out much of the
world.

P: We ought to be able to see that too.

K: I must ask about the next date. We have that part
of exchange all set. As a matter of fact, if
anything they are too eager that they are
planning to start right. Better go right back
after a party. Said there are people.

P: Yes, I understand that.

S: they prepared him. He wouldn't have said
there were any objections.

K: I think they should appear reluctant. Otherwise
we will get no leverage from them. To me
we made

On Monday I wrote an entry in a convention re. -non-essential. Any
question about being backed up.

P: I agree with that. Anything the period had a
convention. Better they would be very good.

K: The question of asking to avoid at convention.

P: As usual period and the discussion might. And should discuss this,
not only in itself.