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 AND TIME: Monday, August 30, 1976
9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: First on Africa.

President: Let me interrupt. We are having a Cabinet meeting. Will
you do a foreign policy rundown? This is for the people on the hustings.

Kissinger: I thought I'd do Korea. How about Africa?

President: What do you think?

Kissinger: I could talk about the problem and not the solution.

President: I think Korea came out well.

Kissinger: No question about it. But now Defense is being mock-tough.
/Described the continual press briefings. /

President: Let's wind it up.

Kissinger: On Africa. I will see Vorster on Saturday and Sunday in
Zurich. The question is whether I go on to Africa or send Schaufel,
again. We have good reports from Nyere and Kaunda. On Namibia we
are about 70% okay. On Rhodesia, there is concern that they can't get
the guerrilla movements together.
What we need to think about is from your political situation. I don't think the Americans like blacks. I don't want another Texas situation.

President: I think if South Africa is involved in the solution, the perception would be different. I think if it is right, we should do it and the political consequences will come out all right.

Kissinger: Kennedy thinks you should; Connally just says don't stir up the Reaganites. I can't say we can't wait until November 15, but if it goes to January, we will be beyond the point of no return.

President: I think it is right. There will be some backbiting but I think it will come out right.

Kissinger: I am speaking before the Leon Sullivan (O.I.C.) group in Philadelphia.

President: That is good.

Kissinger: It will be about like my Urban League speech. Then I will be at a World Affairs Council dinner at night. It will be Q&A and I hope I can get questions on Carter's foreign policy.

President: Now that we have gotten rid of that son-of-a-bitch Reagan, we can just do what is right.

Kissinger: I think Carter is vulnerable in a number of areas. I think you should do about a speech a week. I don't think you should not campaign.

President: I plan to select the occasions with care, but I do plan to campaign...

Kissinger: Are you planning to do B'nai B'rith? They have asked me too and I haven't yet cancelled. I probably won't be here.

President: I believe I am scheduled to do it.

Kissinger: I would do it at a little higher level than previously to Jewish groups. Tell them what is ahead of them. They are a little suspicious about getting 150% pledges support. More realism I think would be appreciated.
President: You are probably right.

Kissinger: We are in a huge mess in Congress. They are coming after us on the Sidewinders and Mavericks for Saudi Arabia. (Gives the President the Porter cable.)

President: I saw the New York Times editorial today. They want us to curry Saudi favor to keep oil prices down but then they push the boycott.

Would it do any good to get the Congressmen down here?

Kissinger: I don't think anything else will help. We can cut the number of Mavericks a little, but not the Sidewinders.

President: Who should we get down here?

Kissinger: Case, Javits, Humphrey.

President: When do we need it? What is the Maverick reduction?

Kissinger: There hasn't been any. But we can say they won't be delivered until after the current order. The Congressional staffers are going wild -- on boycott, on nuclear proliferation. It cannot go on.

President: I agree.

Kissinger: You think I should go to Africa?

President: Yes, if there is a good chance.

Kissinger: On Namibia it's almost certain; on Rhodesia I'd rate it a little better than 50-50.

President: Go.

Kissinger: On SALT, you know what the situation is.

President: I have to get myself back into that.

Kissinger: We got a note from Vietnam. Do you want meetings? We would say it was for MIA's.

President: As long as that cast was put on it.
Kissinger: They would raise other things. But we could stick with MIA's. Of course we could drag it out, and certainly no conclusion would come before November.

Some of your people think you should talk before the UN.

[Described the drawbacks of speaking to the UN]

President: I am inclined to agree. The odds are about 10 to one I won't.

Kissinger: It can be done if you wish. Scranton is coming in today and may raise it.

I would vote against Vietnam and I would abstain on Angola.
Say the situation is still the same but the OAU and all of Africa want it, and you won't stand against all of them. I don't know what your political people will want.

President: How will it play in Africa?

Kissinger: A veto would not help -- an abstention wouldn't hurt.

Then we have this boycott legislation.

President: It is 50-50 I will veto the tax bill anyway.

Kissinger: Then there is one on the Export Control Act.

President: What is the status of that?

Scowcroft: I will have to find out. I think it is through the Senate.

Kissinger: On Law of the Sea, we have a disaster as head of the delegation.

President: What can we do about it?

Kissinger: We can manage with him, but the economic agencies want to grab everything. Defense wants to split the Committee One off.
It won't work -- the LDC's will raise the ante to keep them together.

[Describes what is needed on deep sea beds]
We can't get the Japanese and Soviets without some sort of quota system.

Presidential: Is Simon the problem, or his underlings?

Kissinger: Bill I suspect, on free enterprise principles.

President: How soon must we decide?

Kissinger: This session ends September 17. It would be good if we could make some progress in this session. We might bring Groups 2 and 3 off and leave Group 1 in condition to be finalized next session.

But the economics people are like this on everything. If Zarb hadn't tried to grandstand the Iranian oil deal, we would have had a deal a year ago and we would be making money right now.
K 12th on Africa
P But we interrupt, we having a Cabinet
K well you are a F Lurumone, this is the right way of thinking.
K 22nd 23rd have you an idea about Africa
P I'd say, think...
K What do you think
P I think... I could talk about it
K I think... I want comment well.
K The question about it, but now defence is
P being made tough. (Shocked - shocked)
K P let's wind it up.
K On Africa. Should we Invade, Satellite,
P The question is whether... the Agrein... as and
K reasonable again. We have a good agent
P from Uruguay and Kennedy. On whatever
K the 22nd there about 70% of C in Rhodesia, there
P concern that they can't get a preferable
K monument together.
P What we need to think about is from
P your point of view, I don't think a new
K like Belo. I don't want another Tito
P Tito.
K I think if it is possible... the question would be like, I think if it is worth
P you should look into it. Consequences will
K Kennedy thinks you should; normally
P it's not very, do this other relation.
K I can't say we can't until the 22nd, but if
P it goes to Jan, we will be depend on
K the situation.
P I think it is right that would be some benefit.
But didn't your love come on with [illegible]...? 8:20 I'm going to walk... 8:30 to 9:00. You will be quite upset. They will be quite upset. Where will we go? We will go to what is left of the 69. Professor...
P. We should not yet draw this

K. Yes, first, it looks.

P. Then, do we need it.

K. What is the current situation?

P. There doesn't seem any. But we can say they

K. Yes, that's all right. We can claim the opposite.

P. The language staff are going wild on the project,

K. Yes, it reminds you.

P. It feels.

K. You think I should go to Africa.

P. Yes, if there is a good chance.

K. An emergency almost certainly in Rhodesia

P. Can.

K. Am not sure, you know what it is.

P. I have to get myself back into that.

K. We got a start from us. Do you want

P. To say? We would say it was far lost.

K. For long as that east was put on it.

P. They would raise other things, but we could

K. Think of it. Of course we could drag

P. It out, and certainly, an alternative would

K. Some of your flights think you should talk

P. I am not sure. In the end, I wonder.

K. It can be done. If you with Swain

P. Thinking in today. May raise it. I would

K. Go against us, and I would obtain an answer.

P. But still some, but not yet. I will

K. Africa want it. That + you won't stand.
against all of them. I don't know what
myself. Please write me.
K. I won't play in Egypt
K. A united world helps - an antinational
wouldn't hurt.

Then we have this boy with logic.
P. It is 50-50 I will vote the bill anyway.
K. Then there is one in a 1000 or 1

P. What is status of
K. S. I will have to find out, I think it is

there a summit.
K. On L.O.S., we have a minister as head of all.
P. What can we do about it
K. We can manage if he, but a man again,
cannot do anything. I don't want to fight
until July. It won't work - they have's can:
there a way to keep them together.
(Denotes what needed in L.K. the kids)
We can't get into these with same sort of
quite system.
P. I have - just a bit of
K. This is my best, or free enterprise principle.
P. How soon must we decide
K. This session ends Sept 17. If needed send
K. We could make some way in this
Africa. We might bring 
2 or 3 to
and from 1 or 2 conditions to be
finished next season.

But we can people try this in every thing.
If that doesn't work to grandstand the season
in the last, we would like. And a whoa year ago
and we would be making wrong right now.