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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford
Senator Mike Mansfield, D.-Montana
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

DATE & TIME:

Friday - November 5, 1976
3:25 p.m. - (uncertain)

PLACE:

The Oval Office

SUBJECT:

Senator Mansfield's Trip to China

Mansfield: Well, I don't know what to say. You got the states but not the votes.

President: It was a helluva campaign.

Mansfield: It was. A good, clean campaign. I think a lot of people had a hard time deciding. Where are you going to go? Stay here?

President: Probably not. None of the kids' friends are left in Virginia. In Grand Rapids we haven't lived since we only had one child. "We'll probably float between California and Vail."

Mansfield: There have been a lot of changes in the Congress. It is going to be a tough bunch for the new guy.

President: And there aren't the leaders anymore. Tip (O'Neill) is not a Rayburn or even an Albert.

Mansfield: I'm not sure even Rayburn could deal with this gang.

We spent a week at Sinkiang. It has a sixth of the land area but only 11 million people. The border has been closed for years, but they are not afraid of the Soviet Union. I went to Peking three times. We heard about Hua Kuo-feng's elevation. They're building a Mao mausoleum. It's most un-Chinese.

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We had a good meeting with Li Hsien-nien, who was very philosophical. He said they have to fire some empty cannon once in a while. Mao's niece was a little sharper with me, but on Taiwan she said it was our problem; they had done their part. I said we had a lot of knots and it took time. She said knots can be untied. I said not if they are wet.

President: Were they belligerent as they were with (Hugh) Scott?

Mansfield: No. I think Hugh sort of asked for it. You have to roll with these people. You can't win an argument with them. Everywhere we went, the line was grief for Mao and saturation with the Mao line.

President: About the Soviets too?

Mansfield: Yes. No change in the hatred there. I think the purge was being planned right along, even maybe before Mao died. I wasn't surprised it happened; only that it was so soon. It's been a helluva year for them -- four earthquakes, Teng, Mao, the purge.

They have a lot of confidence, they aren't afraid of the Soviet Union. They are working hard but have a long way to go. They say the Soviets are going after the West, not after them. They said we should get out of Korea with the UN Command, but they are not pressing us. I said how about our troops in Europe? And they said "That's your problem." I said it is weaker than before, with Greece-Turkey, Italy, Portugal. They said: "Why don't you advise them?"

(There was a little discussion on the Thailand coup. He said they were going back to the old corrupt Thai ways. There was some discussion of Japan and Miki.)

President: I think the Governor doesn't know what he is in for.

Mansfield: He really doesn't. I don't think anyone could. It's a new ball game.

President: There is a big turnover.

Mansfield: They don't play the game the same way.



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President: Who will be the new leader?

Mansfield: I don't know. It is really between Hubert and Bob (Byrd). I don't know about his health.

(Discussion of Betty, Steve)

President: How is the Big Sky coming?

Mansfield: I talked to Tippy Huntley. A guy from Michigan bought halp. I guess it's not doing too well. Just getting by. They want to make it a Vail, but it is going very slowly.

President: I see John Melcher won (a Senate seat from Montana).

Mansfield: Yes. He is a good man. He worked hard. A new Republican took his old seat.

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P/Mansfield.
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M Well I don't know what to say. You got
a states but not a voice.

P It was a helluva campaign

M It was. A good, clean campaign, I think
a lot of people had a hard time cleaning.
What are you going to do? Stay here.

Cong. P Last night none of our birds friends are left in Va.
Grand Rapids can't wait since only had
1 child. Park will float Calif-Va.

M A lot of changes in Congress. It is going to be a
tough bunch for a year or
two and there aren't a lot of leaders out there. Tip is not a Ruggman
or even - Abbott

M I don't know who Ruggman could defeat in Congress.

P Tell me about your trip.

M We spent a week at Sinclair. Is flat but
only 11 mil people. Been closed for years, but
they sent up a lot of S.V. Went to Vetsurg's office.
We heard about Hiva elevation, Mac mice-
lens - most uncharitable -

We had a good entry w/ Li, who was very
photographed. Said they have to fix some
empty curves. Mac mice was a little
sharper before, ~~but~~ but on Tannan said
it was over price. They had done other / yet
they were ~~facto~~ 2 and we had a lot of
hearts & tree trunks. She said hearts can
be uncharitable. I said not if they wet.

P Were they belligerent as as/ Scott

M No. I think it might sort of asked for it.
Seen him to talk w/ the people. Can't

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+ other manfield's earthwork pictures + Tongshou

win an argument w/ them.

Everywhere we went a timber wolf grieves for

Imps & extractions w/c has been
done

P. Abgral & Sonnenbr.

I think a pug was being pursued right along
the way before I was. I wasn't surprised
at it happening; only that it was so soon.
It's been a helluvva year for them - & earth-
quakes, Tigray, Inas, the pug.

They have lot of experience, aren't afraid of a S.O.,
are working hard but have a long way to
go. They ~~do~~ say c. Soviets are going often
~~to~~ West, not them. They said we should
get out of Korea w/c UK land, but not pressing
us. I said how about our troops in E. m.
+ I said that you ^{say} Mr. I said it would
then expose, co/G-T, Italy, Port. They
said why don't you advise them.

(A with an F-hatched camp. Said they were going back to a old camp at their camp.)

(a little on Japan + India)

P I think c-~~Guru~~ doesn't know what he is
in for-

11. The Valley doesn't. I don't think anyone
can. It is a war ball game

P There is a big dinner

M They don't play egone & son any.

P Who will be ~~the~~ ^{the} leader?

11 I don't know. It's ^{sigh} bet Herbert + Bob
Don't know about his health

(Discussion of Betty, Stone)

P How is Big Sky run?

M I talked to Teijo Hamalay, a guy from Michigan last yr, I guess it not doing too well. Just getting by. They want to make it a Park, but it's going very slowly.

P I see nothing won.

M Yes. He is a good man, worked hard. A new Report took his old seat.