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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE: September 17, 1974

PLACE: Oval Office

Kissinger: Tell them how the 40 Committee works, review what you said,  
outline our economic relations.

President: I ran into the French Ambassador at Burning Tree. He  
mentioned 14-15 December for Giscard.

Kissinger: If we could do it, 15-16.

President: Okay. If I can get back here by the 17th.

Kissinger: Trudeau would like to come down for a day. October 18th  
or 21st. Just an afternoon visit and a stag dinner or regular dinner.

President: An official visit. The 21st is okay.

Kissinger: That means an arrival ceremony.

President: No, let's do a stag dinner.

If we could have Sadat here after the election.

Kissinger: In practice, you can't even do it in November.

President: I could do it between 6 and 18 November if he really wants  
to come.

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Kissinger: He wants to travel and you might have to go with him, maybe to Palm Beach (the Post Estate) and Camp David.

President: Let's try for between the 10th and 14th.

Kissinger: I'll try.

We are having a meeting on food aid.

With the middle program you run the risk that you have the budget without getting the flexibility you need.

Butz used to be for it, and he is on foreign policy grounds, but OMB has said it would come out of his hide -- so he is reluctant. I can't measure the budget impact, but I think you can't go to the low option, and you lose as much with the middle option.

President: I want to find out from Butz the impact on the housewife.

Kissinger: I think they agree it won't, but psychologically it would. We would propose not to announce figures and do it with a quarterly program, and then we can review in the height of the crop situation. We would tell the recipients quarterly except for really important countries. The Syrians have asked for 500,000 in wheat. That is good -- if we can get our hooks into them it would be very good. I would propose telling Egypt and Syria the year amount.

President: 500,000 for Egypt and 200,000 for Syria -- is that the high option or the middle option?

Kissinger: Egypt, probably not Syria for the middle.

President: The key for me is the impact on the housewife. In the original text there was a proposal for a food reserve. That is what Humphrey, McGovern are talking for and Butz is against.

Kissinger: I would drop that. Butz doesn't oppose reserves, but wants it privately held. I think it is better to hold it for the Food Conference.

President: Let's concentrate any decision on the size.

Kissinger: We have an agreement from all but the British to meet at Camp David on the 28th.



I will tell them our analysis of the situation and give a detailed proposal for energy procedures, the financial procedures if there is a boycott. Schlesinger is doing contingency plans if we need troops. This program will be rejected. By next March, though, they will be begging for 90% of it. We need to get them used to the idea though, and some will leak to the Arabs. What we need is a thriving Project, Independence. It is not really my business except we need it. Sawhill won't do it, so it is between Simon and Morton.

President: Tentatively what I am thinking about is Simon in the economic job and Morton in the Independence job.

Kissinger: He is good, but Simon is really a doer.

President: If Rogers got the assignment and if he is told it was his number one assignment, he would do okay.

Kissinger: I will give you a paper soon. Proposing an oil tax to promote conservation, and high food aid, would give us something to cut off.

President: I like the speech theme of relating food and oil prices.

Kissinger: I would not be specific but just say "increase" and drop out the food reserves.

On Greece and Turkey, Kubisch is going out on Thursday. Bruce agreed to negotiate. The plan is I visit Ecevit and he gives me some concession. With Karamanlis, I work out six principles: Compensation, free movement of population, the nature of the federal system. Then we will work out the negotiations -- perhaps using the umbrella of the Geneva talks and communal talks to really work out. The timing depends on Karamanlis. He is moving step by step.

President: Pappas wanted to see me. Should I call him?

Kissinger: I will meet with him and then perhaps you could call him.



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K Tell them how 40 write checks, remind what you said, outline some loan alternatives.

P I was with French emb. at Burning Falls. He mentioned 14-15 Dec for Orsmond.

\* K If you could do it 15-16.

P OK. If I can get back here by 17<sup>th</sup>

K Trudman would like to come down for a day. Oct 15<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> just an afternoon visit + a stay dinner or regular dinner.

\* P An official visit 21<sup>st</sup> is OK

K That means arrival evening

P Yes, lets do a stay dinner.

You could have Sargent here after election.

K In practice, you can't conclude it in Nov.

P I could do it but 6 + 15 Nov if he really wants to come.

K He wants to travel + you would maybe have to go w/ him, maybe to Palm Beach, <sup>(Pat E. state)</sup> Camp David.

\* P Lets try for bet 10<sup>th</sup> + 14<sup>th</sup>

K Ill try

We having a party on front and

W/c middle prop you run risk your head + budget w/o getting a flex you need.

Butz used to be for it, + he is on FP grounds, but OMB has said it would come out of his hide - so he is reluctant.

I can't measure a budget impact, but I think you can't go to the low option + you lose so much w/c middle option.

P I want to find out from Butz a suggestion how much

K I think they agree it would, but pay it would. We would propose not a announced figures + do it w/a quiet prog + then we can discuss in light of exp situation. We would tell recipients + they except for really important countries.

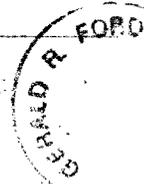
Secretary has ask for 500,000 what I think good - if we can get our hands into them it would be very good. I would propose telling E + Service your amount.

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P 500,000 for E + 200,000 for Syria - is that high option, a middle option

K E, put ~~out~~ Syria for middle

P The key for me is a impact on a compromise. In a original text there was a proposal for a food reserves. That is what Amrathay, Van Gerven talking for + Barty against.

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K I would drop that. Barty doesn't ~~you~~ reserve but wants it primarily held held. I think better to hold it for a food conf.

P lets vacillate any decision on a size.

K We have agreement from all but Barty to meet at 20 and 28. I will tell them our analysis of it & a detailed proposal for every procedure, financial procedure if they with, Schles are doing contingency plans if we need troops. This prog will be rejected. By next March Chr, they will be begging for 90% of it. We need to get some words under the, & some will look to Amrath. What we need is a thriving Reg. Judge. Not really any business except we will it. Samhill can't do it, so it but Simon & Hunter.

P I think I thinking about Simon in dean job + hunter in Judge job.

If Roy gets agreed + if he told it was his #1 agent he would do OK

K He is good, but Simon is really a go doer. I will give you a page paper soon. Preparing an oil conf to present assurances + food aid would give us something to start off.

KK  
Tell Hunter  
no mention  
of reserves K

I like a speech about of volatility - food & oil prices. I would not be specific but just say "increase" and drop out a food reserves.

On G & T, K who's going out Thurs. Bruce agreed to negotiate. Plan is I meet Ewert + he gives me some discussion. W/ Rares I work out 6 principles implications for movement of pop, nature of federal system.



Then we will work out what - perhaps whether  
General talks + communal talks to really work out. Timing  
depends on Kana. He moving step by step.

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K. I will meet w/ him + then perhaps you could  
call him.

