

MEMORANDUM

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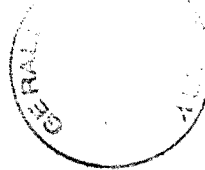
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 21, 1975
 9:19 - 10:10 a. m.

PLACE: The White House
 The Oval Office



President: I think McCormack will help if I can tell him the story.

Kissinger: Sparkman said Mansfield would be willing to sponsor the resolution.

President: Talk with Mahon on the resolution.

Kissinger: I spoke to Rosenthal. The Vice President had spoken to Dinitz. Rosenthal is out on a limb and doesn't know how to get off. He would be willing to back off for a Turkish Concession six weeks from now.

Meanwhile the Greeks have panicked. We have a cable from Karamanlis -- that they will accept a bizonal solution and 25%. But Esenbel won't talk until the ban is lifted. The Greeks have proposed moving the talks from Nicosia. So the Greeks are really being pushed by the cut-off, not the Turks. Karamanlis told Waldheim he fears there will be a coup if the ban is not lifted.

President: Griffin wondered if it wouldn't be better to add it at the last minute rather than ahead of time to alert the opposition.

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President: He has been very good.

Kissinger: He is great as long as he knows what he is doing is for you.

President: He seems to enjoy what he is doing.

Kissinger: He is selfless and enthusiastic.

President: Bob Wilson and others want to talk about Ecuador tuna. The longshoremen now passed a resolution not to unload Ecuadorean products.

Kissinger: I will send our Ambassador in to talk and see if we can get some understanding.

I spoke to the Soviet economists. Kendall showed how 10 billion means 60 billion in business.

We met yesterday on the CIA. We need a common strategy. We can't have witnesses making decisions on a case-by-case basis. We think refusals should be on their authority and then refer to you.

President: I won't be rolled on this one.

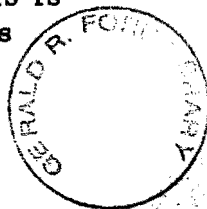
Kissinger: I was at a dinner last night with Frank Church. I think I scared him -- I told him the Nixon material was mild compared to what went on in the Democratic Administration. He wants to be President. He won't have public hearings on anything but domestic spying. He asked that you not seek a confrontation. I have the impression that Church may be cooperative because of his ambitions.

I think we should get a list from each agency and then meet with you.

President: We are scheduled for a meeting this evening, in-house.

Kissinger: That is good.

President: Long said he couldn't clear Silberman. He said Curtis is against him and they needed someone with prestige in the business community. He asked for Fred Dent.



Kissinger: Silberman is 10 times the negotiator Dent is.

President: I am mad, but we need Long on the veto. I thought we could bring him into the White House to work on the CIA.

[More discussion of Silberman.]

Kissinger: Colby is worried about protecting names, but that is too narrow. If say we give money to some parties in Europe, those who didn't will say so.

Cambodia is getting bad. I have asked the Japanese and Indonesians for ideas. They won't have any, but I wanted to signal to them that things are grave.

On energy, I talked with Giscard. I said if he supports us on a guaranteed price and alternative sources we would agree to a preparatory meeting April 10.

On price -- we can't let prices go to \$4 because our dependence would grow unmanageably -- and we would not develop alternative sources. We could protect alternative sources ourselves, but if the price breaks then, we will be subsidizing alternative sources while Europe gets the cheap oil, We should push this in the IEA, and Simon may give us problems.

An uncontrolled oil price drop would undermine alternative sources and exploration for oil. I think we should go on with the bilateral explorations with the Shah and perhaps with the Saudis.

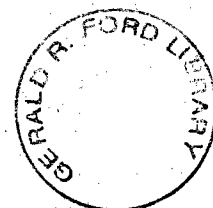
President: Won't this undercut us with the Europeans?

Kissinger: It won't show up that way. They want the prices down and this will help that. After all, the British are doing the same. They won't lose anything except the chance to screw us. Even on a guaranteed price, the Europeans will find a way of dodging it if the price breaks.

President: As long as we are above board.

Kissinger: I think if we would unravel the French bilateral deals, we would find the same.

President: You explain it.



Kissinger: It is tough, but they are doing it.

The Shah said Sadat wants to move even though Syria opposes.

We will go with Pakistani aid on Monday.

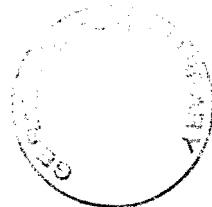
President: I haven't heard any repercussions from the Hill.

Kissinger: Most of them support us. We get a little flak, but it doesn't make sense that India can have nuclear weapons and Pakistan can't get anything.

President: I see Gur is making good sounds.

Kissinger: Yes. But we will have a hell of a negotiation -- because Israel will ask for 18 months to withdraw. We can't give them more than six months.

You will get a letter from Schmidt. Schlesinger told us Leber would act in a Middle East crisis without reference to Schmidt. Schmidt found out about this and hit the ceiling. He said he would fire Leber on the first day and then we would see who could act on his own.



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P I think we cannot wait help if I can tell some story.

K ~~Wants to~~ ^{Wants to} ~~be~~ ^{would} be willing to ~~open~~ ^{respective} ~~concerns~~

P (Talk w/ Unahand restriction)

K I spoke to Rowenthal. VP had spoken to Dinity. Rowenthal doesn't know how to get off. He would be willing to break off for a T concession & who from now.

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Unahand & Greeks have provided. We have a cable from K, A, - that they will accept a big and 25% settlement. But E would wait till we have lifted. Greeks have proposed making talks from mission. So Greeks are really being pushed by a cutoff, into T. Kara told Waldheim he fears a coup if we not lifted.

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I spoke to Soc Economists. Rowenthal should know 10 bid unless GO bid in business.

W - note yesterday on C.R. We need a common strategy. Could have also witnessed meeting decisions on case by case basis. We think reports should

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(More Selman discussion)

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