

MEMORANDUM

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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
Donald Rumsfeld, Assistant to the President
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: July 25, 1975
3:34 p.m.

PLACE: Oval Office
White House

Kissinger: We have another crisis with Bergold. [Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for ISA]. I wouldn't give a damn if there weren't these leaks in Rowland Evans' column.

President: There is no need for him anywhere on the trip but Helsinki.

Kissinger: I agree. And the Radio Free Europe man going to Helsinki. This is an outrage. I never would have let it happen.

Scowcroft: It is an issue of press censorship.

Kissinger: All my people said Kaunda would be scared to death by our proposal [on Angola]. He was delighted.

Case wants us to withdraw the Jordan aid package. If it means they will pass it in September, fine. If it is a way to wait and kill it or modify it, that is something else.

Scowcroft: Case proposed originally resubmitting it at lower numbers and then at the same dollar amounts but a different equipment mix -- more Chapparral.

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Kissinger: Maybe they just want to get the thing off their back just after the Turkish thing.

President: Let's call Case.

[The Vice President calls in.]

The Vice President proposes a TV address tonight to explain the significance of asking the House to reverse itself and act before the recess.

[Marsh, Rumsfeld, Nessen, Hartmann, Max Friedersdorf enter.]

Wayne Hays says a lot of people have guilty consciences.

Rumsfeld: It would be nice to know just what the feeling is in the House.

[Case calls.]



Geo - Cong Democrat
A - E Clavett to Helsinki - attendance depends.
→ Cost - Deposition remarks -
Call word to base on Jordan. P/K 25 July 75 3:34 AM

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a down if there weren't these leaks in Belmont's area.

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(VP calls)

VP proposes TV address tonight, ^{explains sig.} asking House to reverse
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(Marsh, Rumsfeld, Wessler, Hartman, Max enters)

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(Case calls)

