

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 1976  
9:25 - 10:15 a.m.

PLACE: Oval Office

[Discussion of Angola letter to Speaker of the House.]

[Discussion of Marianias vote and call to Stennis.]

[Discussion on holding arrival ceremony for Rabin outside in rainy weather.]

Kissinger: We had that veto in the UN of the Middle East resolution. We did the right thing.

President: The interesting thing is that they barely had enough votes.

Kissinger: That's right.

President: [Calls Stennis]

He is leaning against but will do what he can. His problem is that Puerto Rico before World War II voted the wrong way at the national political convention!

Kissinger: Lew Wasserman said the only one who could beat you was Kennedy. He said how you should use spots and saturate the media for three days. He is concerned about the Jews. He says the present course in Israel will lead to massive anti-Semitism here and the power of the institutional Jews must be broken.

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I had a session with Harlow and Timmons and Korologos about my problems on the Hill and what to do about it. They said the number one issue was the perception that we are not together. It is contradictory -- on substance we are together but I may be too dominant, but on selling we aren't together.

President: That is a curious thing. I...

Kissinger: You might want to talk to Harlow, for what it's worth.

President: I will -- this week. We ought to do whatever we can. Golly -- you and Betty are the most popular in the country. I am lagging behind.

Kissinger: Did you see the Evans and Novak article that Rumsfeld is joining Simon on Iranian oil?

[Some discussion.]

On Rabin -- it is a delicate situation. We stuck with them on the veto but we are running out.

The Israelis blocked any possibility of progress with Jordan program and that led to Rabat. They have blocked any progress with Syria and so Syria is turning to the PLO. Israel can't just continue to stall. They say they want to talk to Hussein but they have been doing it for eight years. Talking to him won't help unless they give him a major proposal.

If they were a big government they would make a big offer -- retreat a few miles from the border on all the fronts in exchange for non-belligerency. You could sell this one on a Middle East trip -- if you still plan one.

President: I definitely do, depending on the primaries. Should we agree to Geneva without knowing what Israel will do?

Kissinger: They are totally cynical on Geneva. They're for it because they know nothing will happen. The first item of business will be the PLO and they'll bring about an immediate stalemate.

[Discussion of the Moynihan meeting.]

I wouldn't mention the settlements except maybe at dinner.

I would tell him if there is a war we will use it for making a final settlement.

[Discussion of military equipment.]

I think you have to tell him we have to move and just talking to Jordan won't do it.

He wants a tour d'horizon today. I would listen and I'll take him on at breakfast tomorrow if there is to be a blow-up, and then you can reinforce it at tomorrow's meeting. I would be very firm with him that he can't continue this kind of relationship and that you won't play electoral politics with foreign policy.

President: I notice Jordan is going to the Soviets to buy helicopters. What the Congress is doing to us.... The mess we had on HAWK missiles.



Jan 27th, 1976

(Discussion of Angola letter to Speaker)  
(Discussion of Waxman vote + call to Sternis)  
(Holding arrival ceremony outside)

K We had that vote in a UN, we didn't get any.

P Interesting thing that they barely had enough votes.

K That's right

P (Calls Sternis)

He being against but will do what he can. His job is that Perot's lies before us will voted away way at next pol. convention.

K How Glassman said only one who could beat you was Kennedy. He said how you showed real spots (satellite for 3 days). He concerned about Jews - will lead to massive anti Semites - power of institutional Jews must be broken.

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P I ~~think~~ will - this week. We ought to do whatever we can. Golly - you + Betty are a real ~~pop~~ popular in country. I am lagging behind.

K Did you see E + K on Rensfield joining Simon on Iran oil?

(Some discussion)

On Ronin - it is a debate sit. We stuck w/ them on a vote but we are running out.



3/20/77 - Book of articles on Angkor  
\* See Ad. Hing about 4 o'clock  
- Before 4:00 would be best for Angkor  
\* Get some more bits

That I should Jordan prop. & led to Robert. They  
have Michel Soria & Sergio coming to PhD. I  
can't continue to stall. They say they want to  
talk to Hussein but they have been doing it for 8 yrs -  
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offer - retreat a few months from <sup>an all-points</sup> border  
exchange for iron - bulking. You could still  
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what I will do.

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(E explained why they were for Geneva)

(Discussion of Angkor meeting)

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(Discussion of visit again)

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+ I'll take him on at Belfast if there is to be  
a holiday & then you can reinforce at night.

I would be very firm w/ him that he can't  
continue this kind of relation & that you can't  
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P. I write Jordan going ASU to buy helos. What  
c. says is doing to us. The mess we had  
on Hamak missile.

