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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President

for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME:

Wednesday, June 30, 1976

PLACE:

The Oval Office

<u>Kissinger:</u> On the mercenaries on trial in Angola, I have approached the Soviets, Nimeiri and the Saudis with an appeal for clemency.

President: What are the British doing?

<u>Kissinger:</u> They're doing the same, but a little more craven. There was no established government.

[Dick Cheney comes in for a discussion of the NAACP speech. It was agreed that Eagleburger would call and say it couldn't be worked out and suggest he call Cheney.]

<u>Kissinger:</u> On personnel. I promised McCloskey I would get him a decent job before the end of the term. We really should get rid of Volpe to get some progress in Italy. We could move Carlucci to Italy and put McCloskey in Lisbon.

President: I have no objection to moving Gould. Someone is protecting him. There is an argument that the Netherlands should be non-career. Let me get to the bottom of it.

Kissinger: I could go either way.

President: I need to look into it.

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<u>Kissinger:</u> On SALT, you must decide whether to stay in a holding pattern or move for an agreement. If you want to move, you will have to take Fred [Ikle], Don [Rumsfeld], and George [Brown] to the woodshed. Don won't antagonize Jackson who he thinks will be Chairman of the Armed Services Committee. It would be bloody.

President: What has the Verification Panel come up with?

<u>Kissinger:</u> I haven't wanted to convene them until you decide. They will come up with the same position and they leak so badly.

Scowcroft: They will present all the options, not just the holding option.

<u>Kissinger:</u> But they will recommend that one. I just think that it is dangerous until we have first decided. Do we meet tomorrow?

Scowcroft: I think it is with Don.

President: Let's continue the talk.

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