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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford

Dr. Henry A. Kissinter, Secretary of State and Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

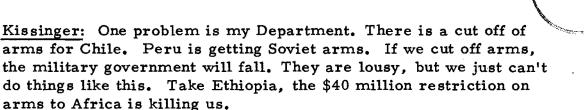
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME:

Tuesday, December 3, 1974 9:15 a.m.

PLACE:

The Oval Office



Turkish aid is up again. You shouldn't see AHEPA until it is solved. I had Sisco call in the Greeks and say if this wasn't settled I would wash my hands of it. Makarios is complicating things. I don't think I should go to Ankara until we know better.

<u>President:</u> On aid, the changes in the House signal that Albert and O'Neill are through. It is a new generation of wildass Democrats.

Kissinger: Aren't we better off fighting them?

<u>President:</u> I agree, it is a question of how. Burton is taking over eventually. In the meantime, who do we deal with?

Kissinger: I think our strategic position has to be to go to the people against the Congress. I will go to the people too and talk about the Executive-Legislative relationship. In the name of human rights, they will undermine national security.

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President: Would it do any good to talk to Ted Kennedy?

<u>Kissinger:</u> He has a dual nature -- he's a patriot and a demagogue. He is not very bright.

<u>President:</u> I will talk to Humphrey but I should also talk to \_\_\_\_\_ and Frelinghuysen.

<u>Kissinger:</u> Your Cabinet's behavior toward Israel: We have one last chance to get an Egyptian agreement. If we don't we will face an unbelieveable position. Simon is going to the Allon dinner. Schlesinger is being impossible. He is pulling the Lance from Korea.

The Rabin game is always the same. He negotiated for arms and then uses them for stalling.

<u>President:</u> I think I had better talk to him. If he goes to the Jewish community, he is through.

<u>Kissinger:</u> There is no other way. He can't be the good guy -- you have to be it. You don't want deliveries rushed.

President: Why would Simon want to go to the dinner for Allon?

<u>Kissinger:</u> Everyone is worrying for his job and is trying to build a backfire.

President: Schlesinger is the guy I need to see.

Kissinger: Simon is relatively harmless. He is not heavyweight enough.

On Schmidt and Trudeau. Schmidt is the decisive one. I met him in 1957. He was a brash young Senator from Hesse. He was in the Hitler Youth, an officer in the Army. He joined the Socialists because it was heading the party in Hamburg. He is tough, unsentimental, and unbelieveably vain. Butter him up -- tell him you two are the leaders of the western world. Schmidt put the Washington Energy Conference through. He is a good ally. He is afraid of what you are doing in the economy. Don't pretend to be an expert. Tell him you understand his concerns, and want to set up a system to coordinate policies -- unfriendly or otherwise, you won't take unilateral actions without telling him. You need him on energy.

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There are two approaches -- ours and the British. Their idea is to use producer money for the IMF. That is a disaster because it will put the producers eventually in control. You need Schmidt on this.

He will try to sell a French consumer-producer conference. You say fine, but not until the consumers are organized. Don't get nailed down to a date. Summer might be okay but it can move faster if we move on consumer cooperation. Energy is the way to get unity of the west. Schmidt will see Giscard before you do. Schmidt will say the \$25 billion solidarity fund is too much, but he'll go along if you convince him it is essential for the future of the West. I sold him this at the Washington Energy Conference.

Of all your meetings, except Brezhnev, Schmidt is the most important.

On CSCE, it is time to bring it to a close but don't do it in any way which looks like collusion. Schmidt is a better guy to deal with than Brandt.

Trudeau is intelligent, foppish, and a momma's boy. The meeting in Canada was a disaster. He will be predisposed to get along. We are so powerful -- whatever identity they have, they get in opposition to us. Don't get into bilateral issues right away. Greet him as a friend.We know there are bilateral commitments. We know their identify problems.

Keep these for the end. Do the multilateral first -- energy and the Alliance.

I wouldn't get into detailed bilaterals -- just say you will give benevolent instructions if he will.

The French will try to establish a specific relationship between you and Giscard. We can't because they will go to the Economic Community and say "kick the US around and see what you can get."



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