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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: Thursday, February 6, 1975 9:28 - 10:18 a.m.

PLACE:

The Oval Office

<u>Kissinger</u>: If they cut your energy tax authority, I think you should go on nationwide TV.

Jackson is going on a campaign again. Aviation Week leaks and now Jackson is going to hold hearings.

President: Who leaked it?

Kissinger: Clements and Brown said ....

<u>President:</u> Get me the material and I will call Schlesinger, Brown, and Colby, and Henry and I will read them out.

I talked to Simon.

Kissinger: Did you mention floor price?

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President: No. I will. I was in a hurry.

<u>Kissinger:</u> I will meet with Gromyko in Geneva. We will talk SALT as well as Middle East. They added conditions in their draft treaty (like 10 Trident). The danger is that if Jackson finds out he will say we should add them too. I will tell Gromyko that.

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Kissinger: Bitsios wants to meet me.

President: How about the Turkish reaction to that?

<u>Kissinger</u>: I think it is manageable. We need to make it harder to be accused of being anti-Greek.

President: I see. And if you refused to meet him, that would get back.

<u>Kissinger</u>: Fascell says there is a story we engineered the OPEC restrictions. We are institutionalizing paranoia.

The Soviet-Egyptian communique demanded an immediate Geneva conference. The Syrian one had a date mentioned in it.

Dinitz was in yesterday. I get the impression he is out of touch.

Passman is trying to trade rice for votes.

<u>President:</u> He voted against us yesterday. He's scared out of his pants -- like Mahon, etc.

<u>Kissinger:</u> I am giving a backgrounder today. I thought I would start on the record with Turkey.

<u>President</u>: Good. We should also point out the impact on the opium poppy business.

Kissinger: The only one who gains from this is Makarios.

We are heading for disaster in Congress. The potential now for a powerful Speaker makes him a presidential rival. Rule by caucus turns us into a European system. Never in American history has Congressional government led to anything but disaster.



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