

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: General Brent Scowcroft *B*
Ambassador Sultan Khan

TIME AND DATE: September 15, 1973
3:30 p.m.

PLACE: The White House

Ambassador Khan requested a meeting in order to express a "very slight nagging feeling" he had regarding Dr. Kissinger's testimony before the Foreign Relations Committee.

Ambassador Khan said that Ambassador Kaul had come up to him to inquire whether or not he had read Dr. Kissinger's testimony. When Khan replied in the negative, Kaul suggested that he thought he would find it interesting reading. Khan said he managed to obtain an unedited transcript and that there were two passages he found slightly disquieting and which had undoubtedly caused Ambassador Kaul's comment. The first was the statement by Dr. Kissinger that, in 1971, the U.S. and India had a common objective--self-determination for the East Bengalis--and differed only on means for attaining it. The second statement was that if another war broke out in the sub-continent, it would not be fought with American weapons.

Ambassador Khan said that he knew there was no significance in these statements and never would have brought the matter up had it not been for the imminence of the Bhutto visit and the chance that Pakistani opposition newspapers could get the statements and blow them out of proportion. I reassured him that DrK's statements represented no change whatever in U.S. policy and in his own deep, enduring support and feeling for Pakistan. I observed that it was in both our interests for Dr. Kissinger to be very forthcoming before a committee noticeably sympathetic to India. I believe the Ambassador is fully reassured.

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One other point which Khan raised related to the small dinner he is giving for Bhutto on Wednesday night. I had earlier told him that it was possible that Dr. Kissinger would be unable to attend and would have to have Rush represent him. Khan indicated this afternoon that if Dr. Kissinger was not able to attend the dinner, he would cancel it.

