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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Nixon
Senator James A. McClure (Democrat, Idaho)
Major General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy
Assistant to the President for National
Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 18, 1973
11:45 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

McClure: I know you are busy.

President: I know you vote at noon.

McClure: I visited Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait.
I didn't talk to Sadat, but I did meet everyone in Saudi Arabia.

President: How does Faisal look?

McClure: Not bad. He looks his age.

President: I have known him for 20 years.

McClure: When he took the action on the embargo, he became the leader of the Arab world. Sadat is okay, but he has different motives. Kuwait just wants business with everyone. Lebanon is cynical. Jordan has a different point of view and the difference is between Hussein and the Crown Prince.

Faisal is being straight with us.

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President: It is different from the Israelis. The Jews don't tell us the truth.

McClure: If Israel will accept the principle of withdrawal and it is guaranteed by the U.S., they will begin to restore production with some withdrawal, and they will increase production with the settling of the Palestinian problem. Faisal said there would be no recognition of the Soviet Union. Sadat has played his last card if he can't produce anything. He will be replaced by radicalism.

President: I saw your testimony on the \$2.2 billion for Israel. To my sorrow, I learned that the Israeli lobby has gotten the full \$2.2 restored. That gives us no leverage. I take a hard line with the Israelis. I stand up to the Soviet Union, but the pro-Israelis won't send troops to keep the Soviet Union out.

How come this \$2.2 is moving? Everyone knows how I stand.

Brent, send a cable to Henry, Tell him the President wants to make a statement that will not be misinterpreted as an Israeli right to maintain occupied territory. I want a strong statement out by the end of the day. I want to see it by 4:00 p.m.

McClure: The press will ask me about my trip. What should I say?

President: Say that the key to getting the embargo lifted is progress at the peace conference. The goal is not just 6 October but a procedure that Israel will begin to withdraw from the occupied territories.

McClure: Some of your advice is understating the energy crisis. Simon is okay. Jackson is demagoging this thing and cutting you to ribbons. If there weren't leakage in the embargo, we would be in bad shape.

President: What is the program to counter Jackson? How about the Cabinet officers:

McClure: I haven't seen much.

President: I want a message to them tomorrow to take on Jackson. I want the Cabinet out to kick Jackson in the tail. Jackson is trying to take all the heat off the Jews and put it on the Soviet Union, and claiming that we didn't plan for it.

McClure: The people just ask why we don't go to rationing.



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M- Khomeini you are heavy

P Khomeini not at all

M- I visited Didn't talk to Sadat, but everyone in Saudi Arabia.

P How does Feroz look

M Not bad. Looks brave

P Khomeini has proposals

M When he took action on embargos, he became leader of Arab world - Sadat said so, but has different motives. Khomeini just wants business of everyone. He is cynical. Jordan diff. part of view - big bet Hussein & Crown Prince Feroz is being straight w/ us

P Diff from Sadat's. Feroz don't tell us a truth

M If I will accept principle of w/demoral + guaranteed by US, they will begin to restore production w/ some w/demoral + increase prod w/ settling of Pales prob.

Feroz said no way of SU.

Sadat has played his last card if he can't produce anything. He will be replaced by radicalism.

P ~~But~~ I saw your testimony on 2.2 bill. To my sorrow, I learned that I lobby has gotten full \$2.2 instead. That gives no us leverage. I take hard line w/ Israelis. I stand up to SU, but a pro - I won't send troops to help a SC out.

How come on this \$2.2 is moving? Everyone knows how I stand.

Cable K. P wants to make statement that not insignificant as I report to maintain occupied territories.

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Strong statement by word of day.

M Press will ask me

P Say key to getting machinery up & is progress at full work. Not just 6 or 7 but a promise that I will ~~or~~ begin w/char for rapid transition.

M Some of our admin is machinery & energy ~~costs~~. Some is Dr. Jackson is demagoguing this thing & cutting year to inches. If there weren't ~~work~~ in - ~~embargo~~, end would be in ~~years~~ and ~~stage~~.

P What is pay to counter Jackson. How about Cabinet officers?

K Haven't seen much

P Want a msg to E.E. no transition to ~~take~~ on Jackson. Demand - Cabinet end to kick Jackson in a tail.

Jackson trying to take all heat off Jensen & put it on SD & that we didn't plan for it.

M The people feel we're not entering