

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
 Sen. John Sparkman (D. Ala.)
 Tom Korologos, Deputy Assistant to the
 President for Congressional Relations
 Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
 to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday - December 3, 1974
 4:30 p. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
 The White House

SUBJECT: Military Assistance

President: I talked with Stennis about a foreign aid bill problem. He said he had made a commitment last year [on switching MASF to MAP] and we would have to talk to you.

Sparkman: No, I would just as soon it would stay with the Armed Services Committee. I was opposed earlier to switching back.

President: Who is it who wants it?

Sparkman: Fulbright and Symington. And Mansfield, although he doesn't cause much fuss.

I never saw much chance for it in the Foreign Relations Committee.

President: I agree. Stennis feels he has made a commitment unless he can get the Committee to release it.

Sparkman: I'll talk with Stennis. You might talk to Hugh Scott. I guess Case and Javits, and maybe Percy, would favor Foreign Relations. On our side, we have Symington, Church, McGovern, Muskie, and maybe Pell.

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Korologos: This will take an amendment. What does this do to your commitment?

Sparkman: I made no commitment about amendments. I just said I hoped there wouldn't be a lot like when it was sent back.

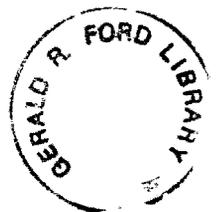
President: We would like to have it one more year in the defense budget.

Sparkman: I'll do what I can. I think McGovern would add an amendment.

Korologos: Maybe just change the '76 to '77. I am worried about some committee bailing out if we start offering amendments.

Sparkman: I will call them. Give me a list.

President: And I will call Scott.



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(Chat about Liberty)

P I talked w/ Stennis about a foreign aid bill prob. He said he had made a contract last year & we would have to talk to you

S No, I would just as soon it would stay w/ AS bills. I was opposed earlier to switching back.

P Who is it?

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