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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, May 1, 1975
9:50 - 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Tell Don to change the date of the Cabinet meeting.

Kissinger: The [NATO Summit] session at Brussels doesn't really start until 4:30 on Thursday. You could have meetings in the morning or even arrive that morning.

The President: I would rather get there the night before.

Kissinger: The Italians say you can't arrive in Rome before 10:00 p.m. I think we might as well stay at Salzburg two nights.

The President: I would rather.

Kissinger: Friday night would be open.

Scowcroft: Will there be a social event?

Kissinger: You could, but some may be leaving.

The President: I would rather leave it open for contingencies.

Tommie the Cork said Anna Chennault is going to Taiwan and will see Thieu. Do we want to send a letter?



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Kissinger: I would send a warm message. He is not helping with his critical comments. The release of the letters didn't hurt much.

The President: Not at all. I told Ron to say I didn't want to be critical of Graham Martin who had been under such pressure.

Kissinger: I would say you didn't want to comment. Otherwise it will be implied criticism.

The President: Talk to Ron about it.

Kissinger: I think it would be good to have a Congressional resolution of support for NATO.

The President: Okay. Check it with the leaders first.

Kissinger: The Tunisians are strictly minor league. They are scared of the Palestinians so you will get a long lecture. Everything you say will leak. I would say the same as you said to Hussein but in a general way. I would tell them we will not tolerate military action by either side.

We have a problem on MAG general officers. Defense wants to cut two generals in Turkey. If we have to do it, it should be one in Iran and one in Turkey.

The President: Why cut anyone right now?

Kissinger: The comment on Portugal is ridiculous. The election was a popularity contest with no significance. There has been no change in direction because of the election. Algeria is their model. The Europeans are ecstatic. But we could face in ten years a Socialist Europe whose cement is anti-Americanism.

The President: I read Clerides and Denktash are meeting. What is the status of that?

Kissinger: They are going nowhere. The Foreign Ministers will meet in Rome. That could lead to a Karamanlis-Demirel meeting. The Aegean situation is getting more difficult because the Greeks are fortifying the islands -- in violation of the treaty obligation. This is dangerous because Turkey may move before their military runs down. Nothing will happen before NATO.



The President: Is Giscard coming?

Kissinger: They haven't said. I sent a personal note to Schmidt saying you wouldn't understand if Giscard didn't come. Giscard is sulking about the failure of his consumer-producer conference and blaming us. They are being forced out ignominiously in Cambodia. The KC are really being ruthless.



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