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MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

~~del NARA Date 6/8/06~~

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: Monday, October 13, 1975  
9:16 - 10:32 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office  
The White House

Kissinger: I suspect that someone in FEA who is against government trading leaked it [the discount we were seeking on Soviet oil.] Dobrynin said if we try to hid the discount it will come out anyway. Now it has leaked. I think now we ought to sign the grain agreement and the letter of intent and let things calm down. The Soviets are really mad.

President: I think we really ought to get the grain deal as soon as possible. We can't hold the farmers off much longer. Was FEA over there with Robinson?

Kissinger: Yes. It could have been Agriculture -- they want to move out on the grain and forget about the oil.

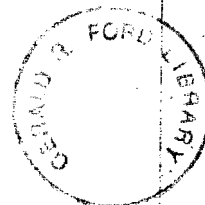
President: What does the letter of intent say?

Kissinger: It lets things cool for 30 days. Maybe we can extend that to 60 days to coincide with Maritime agreement.

President: Let's get the grain deal as soon as possible, and time is not of the essence on the oil deal.

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Kissinger: The clause in the oil letter says "at prices attractive to both sides," but there is nothing specific. We must be sure we leave nothing for Jackson to get hold of.

President: If we have a good grain deal.....

Kissinger: We definitely do -- there is no question about that.

President: Then let's go that way.

Kissinger: On the Turkish elections, both sides can claim a victory. The chief losers were Erbakan and the minority parties. I think it is slightly positive, or certainly not negative. I think you should write to Demirel now.

President: We need to get Callaghan and the others working on Demirel.

Kissinger: Yes. We will.

President: How about aid to Greece?

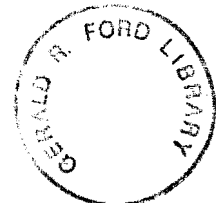
Kissinger: Karamanlis doesn't want a commission to come. But I will send Kubisch back to push economic negotiations. Maybe you should see him for 10 minutes.

President: Time is of the essence. Brademas and Sarbanes are sitting in the weeds waiting. Come January they will really lay it to us.

Kissinger: I sent Walters to Morocco to say that Shultz could meet with the PLO. If it blows, we will have a big uproar with Israel. If we do, I'll say Shultz is on his own. Fahmy has asked about it. I'll say you will talk when Sadat is here. We can't put that in a cable. Shultz should go.

Have we heard from Schmidt?

Scowcroft: No. We heard from one of his guys Saturday. He has written Giscard and made a press statement, but he's had no response.



President: Will the wives go?

Kissinger: I think not. But Mrs. Ford could go and stay in Paris.

[General Scowcroft leaves for a moment.]

Kissinger: Since you won't be going elsewhere on your China trip, how about the departure time?

[There is a discussion of Alaska activities and the best arrival time in Peking.]

President: Let's leave the day after Thanksgiving. Draw up options for a return both through Hawaii and through Alaska.

Kissinger: On the substance, I will negotiate a communique on my trip. It is too dangerous to leave it to your trip. On the substance, we could go a bit toward anti-hegemony. That would drive the Soviets wild. We could move a bit on Taiwan toward acknowledging it as a part of China, but not much. We could do some bilateral things, but they are mostly for us. Then there is the claims.

President: Where does that stand?

Kissinger: I almost had it done a year and a half ago with Chou. They had agreed when Chou got sick and they killed it. That is a barometer of what relations they want with us. It might be good to settle while you are there. Most of the rest is eyewash.

President: That is reassuring.

Kissinger: I am going to Canada and Trudeau is laying out the red carpet. Nothing of substance.

Haig is here. I will discuss Yugoslavia and Italy.

President: Let's also ask him about cruise missiles.

Kissinger: Do you want to see Haig ?



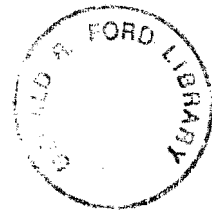
President: Yes, I'd like to.

Kissinger: On this intelligence business, I want you to know I think I cannot tolerate junior people testifying on policy issues. Nor am I willing to follow Colby's precedent of letting them paw through cables. Then there is this NSA staff coming out. [He gave a couple of examples from the Horrock article in the New York Times.]

President: Can't we prosecute?

Scowcroft: Yes. I am suggesting we look into that. There is a more damaging article by Tad Szulc in Penthouse.

Kissinger: It is disastrous. We have no secrets left.



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- CIA testimony  
Collingford  
- Bayan

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FEA over this of Robinson?

K Yes. It could have been Agri - they want to  
move out on a grain & oil deal.

P What's the letter of intentions?

K It lets things cool so long - maybe we can  
stand that to be long to exercise w/ maritime  
agreement.

P Let's get grain deal ASAP & time is not for  
essential oil deal.

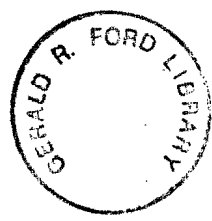
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Kubrick - P see  
→ Worst Chin - Lyman  
Drew up options for return from China

Find out from Stevens  
what his plans are

P We need to get Callaghan and the others working  
on Denmark

K Yes. We will.

P How about and to Geneva

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will send Kubrick back to push it on tonight.  
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(I left)

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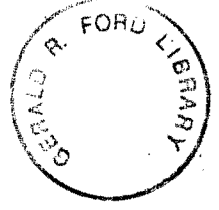
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Examples from Harrold article).

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