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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: PRESIDENT FORD
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary
of State and Assistant to President
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, November 11, 1975
9:15 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office



Kissinger: We have a long-term problem now with Moynihan. It's not just the Zionism resolution. He has carried on more violently than the Israeli Ambassador. Now he is starting a brawl with South Africa on apartheid. He voted against a UN press office because he says the UN has 130 dictators and they don't deserve a press office.

President: I think if we just reiterate what I said in October to the rally in a couple of paragraphs and have the press office reiterate my statement. [The statements were issued as revised.]

Kissinger: Just a word about China strategy. They have pulled out of Angola now, saying it is just a superpower struggle. I think you should slam them and ask who has been doing the talking and who has been doing the acting. The Chinese tradition is to put foreign dignitaries at some disadvantage. The only thing to do is snarl back. I would not accept any criticism. If they attack detente, tell them that is our business. Don't reassure them. But be extremely courteous. I wish I had gotten a question on China at my press conference. I would have slammed them too.

Scowcroft: You sure did slam the Soviets. Got a little too much, didn't you?

Kissinger: Yes. It was a little too much.

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President: But I thought it played well.

Kissinger: You're meeting with the Israeli parliamentarians. They will give you a list of Soviet Jews. You can accept it.

President: I see the Soviets called for reconvening of Geneva.

Kissinger: Yes. I think we should stall our reply and say we are consulting other parties. The problem is that they insist on PLO attendance. That will be a massive problem, even if the PLO recognizes the existence of Israel.

President: Really?

Kissinger: Yes, at least now, because it would mean a palestinian state on the West Bank, and the Israelis can't buy that.

You know about the Grenville Clark Prize award. Scotty Reston would like you to give it to Monnet when you're in Paris. But I don't see how we can manage it. He's ill and at home and you wouldn't have time to do it. You'd be at Rambouillet the whole time.

President: No, I agree. [Letter was sent to Reston, Tab A.]

[Discussion of Vorster; Mexico; Mansfield.]

Kissinger: We need a 40 Committee meeting on Angola to assess the situation.

President: How is that going?

Kissinger: With a few arms and mercenaries, either side could win. We have done well with the weapons we sent. But it may turn with the new Soviet weapons going in.

Scowcroft: They're sending in MiG's now.

Kissinger: We should have a 40 Committee meeting on Angola. We need to look at what we must do and what it would cost.

President: How is the Spanish Sahara going?

Kissinger: It has quieted down, but I am afraid Hassan may be overthrown if he doesn't get a success. The hope is for a rigged UN vote, but if it doesn't happen soon...

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

*Cy given to
Jerry Jones*

November 13, 1975

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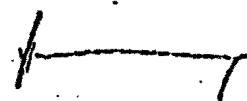
Dear Scotty:

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Thank you for your note of October 29 concerning the possibility of having the Grenville Clark Prize presented to Jean Monnet by the President.

I am advised that Jean is infirm and that the President would likely have to present the award to him at his home. In view of the fact that the President will be staying at Rambouillet, which is more than 30 miles from Paris, for the bulk of his stay in France, the presentation would be difficult to arrange during the very limited time available.

Warm regards,



Henry A. Kissinger

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