

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State
Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
Richard Cheney, Assistant to the President

DATE & TIME: Sunday, February 15, 1976
6:06 - 8:05 p. m.

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PLACE: The Oval Office

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MR 01-101, #26, OSD, dtg 3/2/04
dal NARA Date 7/20/04

Rumsfeld argued there are two ways to approach duration of the follow-on negotiation. Either a fixed date for completion or a target date by which you hope to agree. His idea is that after October '77 we would just keep on negotiating. The Treaty would go into effect.

Note: Give the President the notes from the NSC meeting when Holloway talked about cruise missile programs.

The President: Putting in a target date is just words. I think we must decide what the real date for the interim agreement is.

Note: Take out "nuclear-armed" but fight like hell for it at Geneva.

Note: Rewrite paragraph 2(d) on the review conference for cruise missile range -- but don't cancel it because of verifiability.

The President: Phrase paragraph 4(b) as originally put, with the understanding that we would stick with our deployment rate.

Paragraph 4(c). Use the original language, with agreement that the DOD stipulations would be understood.



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Note:

Reductions: As part of resolving the problems of Backfire and cruise missile, the two sides agree...

Note: The President wants a program for all cruise missiles over the next five years or so.



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Duration -

R. Two ways to approach it: Fixed dates for completion or a target date by which you hope to agree.

Don't ~~the~~ proposal is that after Oct 77 we would just keep on negotiating. Treaty would go into effect.

* Give P notes on NSC memo when Holloman talked about cruise missile prog.

P Putting in a target date is just words. I think we must decide what a real date for a interim agreement is.

P Talk at nuclear armed but fight like hell for it at Geneva

* Rewrite the para 2 d on interim agreement for cruise missile range - but Brit. cannot it ~~be~~ because of verifiability.

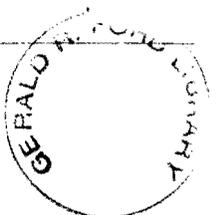
P Phrase para 4 b as originally put, w/ understanding that ~~we~~ we would stick w/ our deployment rate.

P para 4 c. Use original language, w/ agreement that the DOD stipulations would be understood.

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BY W NARA, DATE 8/17/09



At a period to be agreed upon

Reductions

* } As part of resolving the problems
of Backfire + CM, - 2 sides
agree

Parents pay for all cruise
missiles over next
5 yrs or so

