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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE & TIME: Monday, June 14, 1976

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: [Spoke briefly about Cancun, in the Yucatan, where he had spent the last day of his Latin American trip.]

Portillo is eager to get to meet you. He wants to come up here. I would recommend September or October. We have to be careful because Portillo isn't sworn in until December. We could have him here for a family dinner. You can't give him a State dinner. He is a much more attractive man than Echeverria. Echeverria is coming to San Antonio on October 2 if you want a big splash. You have to be careful then too, because he wants to be Secretary General of the UN.

President: When should it be?

Kissinger: They would like it as soon after the 15th of September as possible. Then Echeverria would go to San Antonio on the 2nd of October.

President: Brent, let's look into it. How was your trip?

Kissinger: I know I keep saying it, but our relations are better than ever. There was none of the usual bitching at the OAS meeting. They want you to be re-elected so badly. In the Panama statement, for example, they admitted there were differences.

President: What about the Cuban situation?

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Kissinger: They are scared to death about Cuba. I said in the private meeting that we wouldn't tolerate an Angola in the Western Hemisphere. They all ran immediately to their governments and press with it.

The Chilean regime is authoritarian. But they printed the whole text of my human rights speech and the OAS condemnation. The Jamaican Foreign Minister railed about the jails, so they took him to the prisons and showed him.

The Chilean people are very attractive, and the biggest sin of the government is to have wiped out a leftist government. Pinochet didn't ask for anything. He said he would like assistance but would get along without it if he had to.

President: How is the economy coming?

Kissinger: It is ironic that we gave more aid under Allende than before or after. Peru has 300-400 Soviet tanks and we won't even send spare parts.

We are in the best shape in Latin America since the Alliance for Progress was announced. Masses of people turned out everywhere I went.

Argentina is moving to cooperate. But they will start to get hit on human rights. There is a major terrorist problem in all of Latin America. They are jointly cooperating and it is hard to deal with it.

The problem area is the black Caribbean countries, who are flirting with Cuba. I told Jamaica we weren't destabilizing them. He admitted it, but said they are short \$100 million and that was destabilizing. It is criminal that we can't get anything out of the Congress. \$50 million would do wonders.

The whole aid program is geared to the most seriously affected -- the basket cases, where no real progress can be made. A little help with some of the more advanced countries, though, could show some real payoff. I am not sure we shouldn't concentrate our aid there until they reach take-off, and hold the most affected just to charity. Brazil and Mexico are good examples. Right now we piss it away on the basket cases.

President: What is the situation in Lebanon?

Kissinger: [Showed a map of the military situation.]

I think the Syrians underestimated the resistance of the PLO and have taken heavy losses.

President: The Israelis seem pretty quiet.

Kissinger: They are so quiet the Egyptians think we are colluding. But we might as well take credit for keeping them quiet. If it appears they are quiet on their own, the Egyptians may think Israel is weak.

On Jordan, my people want to make Hussein a new offer on the Hawks before he leaves for Moscow. I disagree. If we make a better offer he will wonder why we didn't make our best offer earlier, and it may indicate that playing us off against the Soviet Union pays off.

[There was a political discussion. The President said he was going after the Congress after the convention.]

Kissinger: Angola is coming up again in the Security Council. The last time, it came up for membership and we persuaded the Africans that we would veto, so they agreed to delay it. We could possibly delay if we promised to abstain. I slightly lean to veto though it will hurt us in the UN and the OAU in the meeting at the end of June.

President: I lean to saying we will veto.

Scowcroft: The ideal would be to try to delay until there is evidence the Cubans are withdrawing. Then we could claim a victory.

Kissinger: That would be best. Let's see if we can postpone it without any commitment.



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