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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, June 15, 1976  
 9:25 - 10:05 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: We may have a Silberman problem like a Moynihan problem. He has declared war on the Yugoslavs. He says they are against us in UN votes, that the only thing they understand is brutality, etc. He has made a big issue of the Simon visit and the Toth case. The European bureau has sent a circular saying we should nudge rather than bludgeon Yugoslavia. Silberman has sent in an eight-page cable saying we are soft on the Yugoslavs. That we don't need -- a resignation based on us being soft in Eastern Europe. Our problem in Yugoslavia is they are obnoxious, but we have to be in a posture where we can intervene in Yugoslavia after Tito dies if the Soviet Union should move. We are cooperating with the Europeans, and Haig is doing contingency planning. I could maybe talk with him, because I am afraid we will have another Moynihan. It is another Jewish ploy -- I hate to say it.

The President: Why don't you talk to him?

Kissinger: The Germans are giving us problems about the Vorster meeting. We may have to move it.

I think we should defend the Economic Summit not on the basis of any specific decisions that will come out of it but on the grounds that the industrial democracies should meet from time to time to concert their policies.

The Security Assistance Bill is in conference today. I am sending the Chairman a letter but I was wondering if you or someone should get in touch with them. We have to put human rights in perspective. We can't have a doctrine of intervention into virtually every country in the world.

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The President: How about Joe Clark?

Kissinger: He is a new, dynamic guy. He may be the next Prime Minister. Trudeau made a disastrous mistake on wage and price controls. You could say that we worry about Canada defining its identity in anti-American terms. But don't give him anything to use against Trudeau.

[The President calls Humphrey on the Security Assistance Bill.]

Kissinger: I wonder what you now think about SALT. We had tentatively scheduled a Verification Panel meeting, but I am concerned about leaks. It seems to me that either way we decide -- to maintain our present position or to go back to the January idea of deeper reductions -- it could leak and cause you problems right now.

The President: I like the idea of the further reductions to 2150 or so. I think it is right -- it is good for the country.

Kissinger: But maybe we should wait until after Puerto Rico, and then you could have an NSC meeting to cover a number of topics and just give some general guidelines on what you want.

Scowcroft: I thought of talking to George Brown to point out the implications of the Democratic platform, and tell him he should consult with his colleagues on the military interest. That there is no way they will get as good an agreement under Carter -- and conversely an agreement would help the President.

The President: You do that and let's put off SALT until after Puerto Rico.



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