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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: Friday, July 9, 1976
10:26 - 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: We are trying to prevent a majority for a hostile resolution [condemning Israel for the Entebbe rescue raid]. If we come out strongly now, we'll let everyone off the hook. We are negotiating right now at the UN. At this moment, we are discussing a resolution with the British and others which expresses our views and we hope it will be accepted. I don't want to...

President: If I am asked a direct question about condemning Israel, what should the answer be?

Kissinger: Say; that's a hypothetical question. We are working on a resolution now and we hope it will pass.

If I am asked a legal question, I have a complicated answer which in essence says a country has the right to protect its nationals.

President: Can I say that Scranton will make our argument at the appropriate time?

Kissinger: You can go a bit farther. Say this is a special case and Scranton will explain it. You may get a question.

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The microwave issue is coming up again. We are going to say that it is a very complicated issue. We have reduced it to infinitesimal levels. These improvements were achieved by unilateral action and by protests to the Soviet Union. We have studied this carefully. Jamming is an option we retain.



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R We trying to prevent a majority for a hostile resolution. If we come out strongly now, will let everyone off a horse.

We might ^{right now at the UN.} We might ~~at~~ this moment ~~and~~ discussing a resolution w/ GBR others which expenses are enormous we hope it will be accepted. I don't want to

P If I asked a direct question about crackdown,
R That is hypothetical question ~~the~~ ^{we hope} ~~the~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~accepted~~ ~~and~~ we are working on a resolution now & hope it will pass.

R If I asked a legal question, I have a enormous answer which in essence says a country has a right to protect its territory

P Can I say that Swanton will make ~~that~~ ^{an} argument of - apply time

R You can go bit further. Say ^{this is} ~~the~~ ~~case~~ ~~and~~ Swanton will explain it. You may get a question

~~Can I say~~
It is very unpleasant issue. We have achieved it to operational levels. ~~to~~ These were achieved by unilateral action & protests to SD

We have studied this carefully. Denying is an option in return.

