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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

By dal NARA, Date 10/24/01

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

DATE & TIME: Wednesday - July 14, 1976
9:50 - 10:34 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

President: We were talking about the Olympic situation. We decided just to sit and wait until the US Olympic Committee meets. That Trudeau is being a real bastard.

Kissinger: Hasn't the Committee met?

President: The IOC [International Olympic Committee] has offered a compromise. If Taiwan turns it down, I think the US Olympic Committee will not withdraw from the games. It is an outrage, but that's the way it is.

Is there anything this morning?

Kissinger: Not a major issue. Hugh Scott is running loose in China. Now the danger is it will leak and get out that the problem is much worse than we thought and the PRC is determined to liberate Taiwan by force. It isn't too bad in substance with the PRC, but there are possible domestic problems -- from Carter saying we screwed it up.

Cheney: Or the crazies before or during the Convention.

President: We better get to Scott as quickly as possible. Can we have Gates tell Scott (and Barnett) to say nothing until he talks to the President?

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Rumsfeld: On Lebanon. The ships are where they were. My strong view is that we should not use a military evacuation again. We will look silly, with people saying they would have driven but it was hot and dusty, etc.

Kissinger: We can ask the Embassy what are the feasible ways. The simplest is over the beach.

President: What instructions did we give the Embassy?

Kissinger: We told him [Amb. Seelye] to get the Embassy down to 10-15 and we will give him detailed instructions then.

Rumsfeld: I think he should explore all the possible methods for getting out.

President: It makes me mad that these Americans didn't leave when we asked them and now they want out.

Kissinger: They haven't asked out.

Scowcroft: But they will leave if the Embassy closes.

[There is much discussion of methods, other considerations, etc.]



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