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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 AND TIME: Monday, July 19, 1976
3:31 - 4:15 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: On the Middle East, I am getting the uneasy feeling the Soviets may be going for broke. The PLO delayed the convoy that was set to leave. They said they couldn't assure our security. There are only two possibilities: (a) there's a real security problem, which I don't believe, or (b) it fits into what Hussein told us. It is possible that they (the Soviets) see themselves closed out of the Middle East if the PLO gets destroyed. At the Arab League conference last week, Arafat changed his tune in the middle of the meeting, and refused to go to Syria until the Syrians withdraw from Lebanon. If Asad did that, the PLO would take over Lebanon and Asad would be overthrown. So I think we must keep the Syrians there and we may have to play tough. You may be facing your first real first-class crisis. First, I would move the fleet in to within 24 hours to give a signal to the Soviet Union.

President: Should we have an NSC?

Kissinger: I don't think we should do anything dramatic that would be perceived as a reaction to the cancellation of the convoy.

With your approval I would like to get Murphy back for 24 hours. I am afraid to send cables on this. I also think I should talk to Dinitz.

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President: I agree completely with that.

Kissinger: The main thing is to keep the Syrians from withdrawing.

The damned Christians won't let the airport open for us. Maybe we should have the Israelis tell the Christians they better cooperate or we will shut off their resupply.

[Discussion about general Lebanese situation and the two airfields being built in South Lebanon.]

[Discussion of the system of the NSC intermediate committees-- WSAG, SRG, etc.]

At the NSC on Wednesday, we should outline the Lebanese situation.

President: I definitely agree. And I could say if there is a crisis we should use the WSAG.

Kissinger: We don't need a SALT meeting this week.

Scowcroft: I think we should, just for the President to say he wants a SALT treaty and expects everyone to focus on the national interest.

President: Let's spend about half the time on each.

Kissinger: I am going to the West Coast this week. I will discuss Japan and Far East policy.

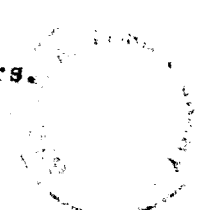
[Discussed Bohemian Grove security.]

Leone is very upset about Carter saying he could live with the Communists in the government. I think we should get the word to Carter.

Scowcroft: Bush is planning to brief Carter on Wednesday. He could show him the Leone cable.

Kissinger: Can we see the Bush briefing for Carter? And I am worried about the NID [National Intelligence Daily], which still goes up to the Hill. [Further discussion] The only other item I have is Graham Martin. [Discussed pros and cons of Senate confirmation for Martin.]

President: That is a tough one. Let me think of over for 24 hours.



P/K ✓

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K. On a MIE, getting a emergency fixing a SU may be going for broke. The PHO delayed a emergency. Only 2 possibilities; (a) a real security prob, which is a bit later or (b) it fits in to what Hussein told us. It possible that they see themselves closed out of the MIE if they a PHO gets destroyed.

At a Ab. Conf last week, Ararat changed his tone in the middle of a mtg, refused to go to Syria tel Syria w/ draw from Lebanon. If Assad bid that, PHO would take over + Assad would be overthrown. So, I think we must keep a Syria's then + we may have to play tough. You may be facing your 1st real 1st class crisis.

First, I would want a fleet in to 24 hrs to give a signal to a SU.

P. Should we have an NSC

K. I don't think we should do anything dramatic that would be perceived as reaction to a crisis of a emergency.

W/ your approval I would like to get Murphy back for 24 hrs. I am afraid to stand alone on this. I also think I should talk to Dinitz.

P. I agree completely w/ that

K. The main thing is to keep a Syria's from w/ changing. The damned Christians won't let a airport open ^{for} for us. Maybe we should have I tel a Christians they better stop we will shut off their supply.

(Discussion about genocide Lebanon sit. and a 2 on fields ^{being built} in S. Lebanon)

(Discussed a breakdown of a NSC intermediate units [a SAC, etc])

At a NSC on Wed., we should authorize a blow

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Bush - show him cable to Carter

Check Bush briefing.

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- P I definitely agree. And I could say if there is a crisis we should use a WSOA
- K We don't need a Salt until this week
- S I think we should, just for PT say he wants a Salt Treaty & expects everyone to focus on a Salt interest.
- P Let's spend about 4c a time on each
- K I am going to west coast this week. I will discuss Japan - Far East policy.
(Dismissed Bohemian Grove security).
- Leavel is very upset about Carter saying he could live w/ Croto in the Govt. I think we should get a word to Carter.
- S Bush is planning to brief Carter on Wed. He could show him a home cable.
- K Can we see a Bush briefing for Carter? And I am worried about a NCD, which still goes up to Hill
(Discussion of this)
- O why ~~is~~ other item is Graham Martin.
(Dismissed first wave of Senate confirmation for Martin)
- P That is a telephone. let me think it over for us.

