

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 19, 1974

PLACE: Oval Office

Kissinger: Laird has been holding press conferences again. He said I absolutely won't be around in '76. I don't need reassurance.

President: It was in the Post or Times this morning. He talks about the Cabinet, about you, etc.

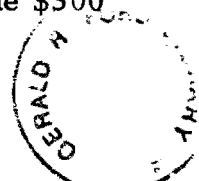
Kissinger: On Egypt, everything that has been done is too late. Now Sadat says there has to be some withdrawal on all fronts. We probably should have moved before the [scheduled] Brezhnev visit [to Cairo]. I think we have to elicit something from Sadat and then tell Israel they have to give oil and the passes. Then we could move on the authorization with the argument that they need to buy more oil.

We have a serious problem on Ex-Im with the Soviets. It's not just that Brezhnev looks like a fool on energy -- with Peterson and Nixon, they were talking billions. We have lost our leverage. What do they lose if we kick over detente? They won't do anything for \$300 million. The basic trade bill is so appalling.

President: I object to the procedure on the energy projects. The \$300 million I don't like. I would have no compunction about a veto.

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Kissinger: I doubt they will accept MFN under these conditions. Even if they do, it isn't worth it. Dobrynin said they are faced with a position where there is shift of Executive power to the Congress.

President: If we veto the Ex-Im bill, maybe the businessmen will put some pressure on the Congress.

Kissinger: One theory with the Soviet Union was that we would create vested interests so that their bureaucracy would protest upsetting it. Also, we can stand these vested interested connections, but if they are made with Europe, I don't know if Europe is strong enough to handle it.

My nightmare is that so far we have bluffed them out of every crisis; what if they take the next one further down to the wire? If they put three divisions in, we couldn't meet them.

President: Let's take a look at the bill and give me your recommendation.

Kissinger: I will talk to Dobrynin again today.

President: We will have to mobilize Don Kendall and the others.

I'm putting John Dunlop in for Brennan. How about putting Brennan into Ireland?

Kissinger: It will cause a little ruckus, but we do very little business with Ireland. A little more in the next six months, because they will be President of the Nine.

President: Moore has been there five years, hasn't he?



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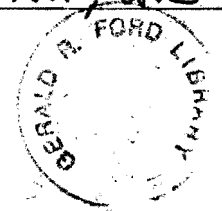
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