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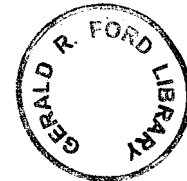
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of Defense
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:

Monday - October 7, 1974
7:30 a.m. (Breakfast)

PLACE:

The Pentagon

SUBJECTS:

Middle East; Cyprus; Europe; Nuclear Weapons
Deployments

Schlesinger: How do you see the Middle East?

Kissinger: Not good. I am uneasy.

Schlesinger: We have people working on contingency planning. I'm giving another press conference and I will say we are hoping to resolve any problem peacefully.

Kissinger: The strategy is not to force a confrontation with the producers. It is to scare them off another price rise and to mobilize the consumers. We are trying to get consumer restraint and we are setting up a \$15 billion fund to equalize the burden. Then we can go after the prices. I think they will crack before -- I don't think they can stand the pressure.

Schlesinger: I thought the press would say I was bellicose not pacific.

Kissinger: The press has a vested interest in dissension. I think we should keep quiet now. I will talk to the Shah and tell him what we will be forced to do.

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Schlesinger: He is getting more and more autocratic. Can you get the Egyptians to help themselves to the Libyan money?

Kissinger: If there is another move in the Sinai, I think the Egyptians will be out of the war, and then they can.

But I don't know whether this Israeli Government can move.

Schlesinger: Operating in the Persian Gulf is at the end of our logistic capability. If you had to go in, could you use Israeli facilities?

Kissinger: Yes, but that would be dynamite. Israel would love it.

Schlesinger: 70-800,000 men and three carriers. Could we operate the oil system quietly? Or would we have to protect all the pipeline?

Kissinger: Quietly if we do it quickly and without talking about it.

Schlesinger: We need two months to get the troops and equipment out there.

Scowcroft: It's too bad there is no C-5 troop-carrying capacity.

Schlesinger: The troops we can get out there. It is the equipment that will be difficult.

Kissinger: You could say that the oil embargo would present us with the gravest problems.

Schlesinger: On Turkish aid, would the cutoff apply to old funds or new ones?

Kissinger: We think new ones only.

The Greek situation is not connected with Cyprus. It is analogous to Portugal. You should see Averoff. See him at the NPG.

Schlesinger: I will be there -- in Rome on the 8th.

Kissinger: Maybe I can stop there after Ankara and we will all meet.

Schlesinger: I am going to Germany again.



Kissinger: Good.

Schlesinger: We are planning the attrition of Phase I home-porting. I would plan on attriting our (of 8) destroyer families.

Kissinger: If you want to do it, let's use it in the negotiating. You could let them use it for publicity. Karamanlis may be like Spinola.

Schlesinger: Will the Army let it happen?

Kissinger: It depends on how demoralized they are.

Schlesinger: I have a complaint about State objecting to the use of the U-2 in the Mediterranean.

Kissinger: Put it through the system and I will overrule it.

Schlesinger: How about Portugal?

Kissinger: They are on the way to Communism.



Kissinger: Portugal is a classic situation. The West has done absolutely nothing in Portugal.

Schlesinger: You need to clear out the DDI shop. They are interested in losing all around the world. Why is there such a fascination with Castro, Nkrumah, and people like that?

Kissinger: The liberals hate America so they oppose all American allies and they think all American opponents are philosophically right. Carl Kaysen plotted to do away with Adenauer.

Schlesinger: I am beginning to agree with you on the Congress. They cut \$5 billion this year.

Kissinger: My nightmare is we could get into a declaratory policy that we couldn't back up. If I felt we could get the money I would raise the Soviets in the SALT negotiations. The President says he is being begged to get \$2.5 billion more [in cuts] from the Defense budget.

[Schlesinger is obviously upset at this]

The President didn't identify the source of the recommendation.

I fear that in three years we will face the same hassle on military budgets that we are now facing on foreign aid.

The next generation of Soviet leaders won't have the fear of World War II in their bones and they won't cave in cravenly like this bunch has. And we don't have the tactical forces.

Schlesinger: I think Europe has six years to shape up.

Kissinger: It's a process of feudalization. Even in Germany. Leber, Schmidt, and Genscher are good but there is nothing behind them. We had better fear a change in the GDR -- if they push human rights and develop an appeal to West Germans, there can be a resurgence of German nationalism.

I am worried about Schmidt, even. He's the best we can expect, but he will soon offer massive credits to the Soviets.

France is a strong government, but has a weak political system. If we lose Portugal, Greece and Italy, the elections in France would be tough.

Schlesinger: Don't Jackson and Meany have a chance with the Democrats in 1976?

Kissinger: Nixon's crime was to destroy the conservatives.

Harriman is in charge of a study group which wants to cut \$25 billion from the Defense budget. To defend against that, he is proposing a cut in carriers, B-1, and the Trident.

Jackson would polarize. He would have to govern with the Republicans.

Schlesinger: What about Muskie?

Kissinger: You can't get him past assured destruction.



Schlesinger: We are studying nuclear weapons deployments. We can't keep them scattered around unless they will be protected. Congress will force us to pull them out.

Kissinger: If the Soviets get the idea we will pull the weapons, we won't get anything for them. Nominal redeployments are okay. But otherwise it will have a bad effect on the Europeans and Soviets.

Schlesinger: We are actually improving our nuclear posture. A pile of warheads doesn't mean anything.

Kissinger: But the Europeans are so corrupt that is the way they look at it.

Schlesinger: Murphy (of the Joint Committee) is going to look at the [REDACTED]

Kissinger: Symington has a vendetta on nuclear weapons [REDACTED]. He says they are exposed to Soviet paratroopers.

I will just give a good description in the NSC meeting. How do I explain the Ikle position?

Schlesinger: I am ready to give up warheads if that will help. I would go back to fewer and bigger on the Poseidon.



