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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: Saturday, November 6, 1976
11:10a. m. - 12:04p. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

President: I go through these SALT papers from time to time. It's a real shame.

Kissinger: It is a tragedy. And the more so since there is no real issue involved.

Scowcroft: In six months the Backfire will sink out of sight.

Kissinger: It was political, not strategic. And Schlesinger will lead the charge. It will be a giveaway.

President: They have to do something. They can't let SALT I lapse.

Kissinger: Brent and I have been talking about oil prices. Simon wants to be the emissary to talk the Arabs out of it. It is completely self-serving on his part. I am not sure we should go that route at all and risk a humiliation. Why don't I get the Ambassadors in and talk to them? See what the reaction would be to an emissary.

Scowcroft: We have to take some very visible actions to appear to be resisting a price increase.

President: Just tell Simon I am following it closely and want to think about it first.

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CLASSIFIED BY: HENRY A. KISSINGER

(Discussion about the Soviet Embassy reception and the warm sentiment of all the Arabs toward the President, etc.)

Kissinger: I am convinced it can go no other way but to disaster. The only question is can we save it in time. That is why I would like to lead the foreign policy debate.

President And I would like to lead the political debate. That is why I want to go out in a cooperative way.

Kissinger We should bend over backwards, go out with dignity and with complete cooperation. Then the mess they make can't be blamed on us.

President And we will look better and better as time goes on.

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