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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: Tuesday, November 16, 1976
10:36 - 11:18 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: [Discussion of Carter press conference.] He wants to pocket everything you have done. Carter has proposed a freeze on nuclear weapons. That would freeze us at 2150 and them at 2650. We would have probably to give up Trident, the B-1, and cruise missiles.

It's the same in Europe. We'll have Haig over. We must move forward and strengthen our forces against a surprise attack. [More discussion]

President: What about Harold Lever?

Kissinger: I will give you the political argument. I don't think you should carry the can on this one. I would not weaken now. Tell Lever you will think about it and then write Callaghan to negotiate with the IMF. If that fails, you may have to tell Burns to roll over the debt for a couple of months. I don't think you should have this on your hands -- possibly the fall of a government under very adverse circumstances.

Scowcroft: Simon was actually quite mild with Lever.

Kissinger: I asked him to be. If we turn down the British, it should not be to Lever -- he has a monumental ego and we don't want him going back saying he was kicked in the teeth.

[Callaghan calls]

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[The President said he would be sympathetic -- he'll listen to Lever and write Callaghan a note.]

President: He said Healey was meeting with the IMF people today.

Kissinger: I don't know if what Burns and Simon want is doable politically. Maybe it's necessary, but I don't see why you should cram it down their throats.

President: Let me ask about the South Korean and Park Chung Hee thing. Won't it blow big?

Kissinger: It involves the Democrats. It won't blow under a Democratic Attorney General.

[Discussion of personal finances, President being active in the party, etc.]

Kissinger: The Israelis are bitching about our UN action. We had to do it.

President: I am completely in favor. We have to do what's right.



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K (Discussion of Carter files ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{you} ~~you~~ ^{have} ~~have~~ ^{done} ~~done~~) He wants A
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That would freeze at 2150-2650. We
would have prob. to give up Trident, B-1,
cruise missiles.

Same in Evr. ^{from} What were forward &
strongly against surprise attack.
(True discussion)

P What about leave?

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don't think you should ever concede on
this one.

I would not weaken now. Tell ^{him} Callaghan
you will think about it and then
write Callaghan to negotiate w/ F.A.M.F.
If that fails, you may have to tell
Boris to roll over a debt for a couple
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(To Callaghan calls)

(P. said he would be supported - letter
to leave & write Callaghan a note)

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P He said Leahy was only a/PMF people today.

K I don't what Brown/Sinnott want is do-sth politically. Maybe it necessary but I don't see why you should cram it down their throats.

P Let me ask about the S. Roca / Park Chang H. thing. What is it about him?

K It involves - Jensen. It won't blow under some other level.

(Discussion of personal finances, P being active, etc)

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