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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State

Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Assistant

to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME:

Thursday, November 6, 1975

10:20 - 10:43 am

PLACE:

The Oval Office The White House

The President: Sadat said some codewords to me, that I guess have some meaning. He said he considers me a brother.

<u>Kissinger:</u> That is very significant. He said to me you should come whenever it will help you the most, and he said he would give you twice the welcome he gave Nixon. When would you go?

The President: If there is no primary opposition, we could do it in late February or early March. If there are some primaries, then it would have to be some time later.

<u>Kissinger:</u> March would be excellent from the standpoint of climate.

We have heard from George Bush. He feels it would be better to postpone the trip in view of the chilliness, but he thinks it is probably too late for that. Then he suggests you act strong and not give the impression you can be kicked around.

The President: I don't think we should postpone it. Will we hear from them Saturday?

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<u>Kissinger:</u> I agree. We will probably hear at the last minute on Saturday.

The Moroccan march is going ahead, supposedly under the agreed ground rules.

Moynihan wants us to endorse a resolution to free political prisoners everywhere in the world. It is a close call, but I turned him down. He is trying to get the focus off Chile and Korea and on to Uganda, and those countries. But I'm afraid Fraser would use it against Chile and beat us for not following our own resolution.

Scowcroft: I think it is superficially attractive but would get us into real troubles. It's like no first use of nuclear weapons.

The President: I think it is a bad idea. We would get hit with Chile and the rest. And no one would do anything about the leftist dictatorships.

<u>Kissinger:</u> We had a phone call from Brassolette in Giscard's office. We have given them some frosty messages about excluding Canada and the technical arrangements for the Economic Summit. We propose cancelling another Shultz preparatory meeting. No one here wants it.

The President: I see Mexico declared a 200-mile sea.

Scowcroft: Yes. Yesterday. A 200-mile economic zone.

<u>Kissinger:</u> We can put up with Mexico until Echeverria leaves, but if their attitude doesn't change, then we will have to kick them around. Echeverria is hopeless.

The President: How about his campaign to become UN Secretary-General?

<u>Kissinger:</u> He has hurt himself by his Spanish repression stand. We would have to veto him.

The President: How about my Friday speech?

Scowcroft: It's too rough for you to see yet.

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