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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: Monday, April 14, 1975
9:32 - 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: I am going to give a speech at ASNE. The theme is that all our foreign policy setbacks are related to our domestic situation. Allon said at the airport there were some differences with the U. S. Government but not with the American people. I say the President is determined to master these problems, but we have to stop wailing. We have to stop the so-called debate between security and morality. A nation's commitments stem from its actions, not its legal documents. I'll say that we won't forget who supplied the arms which tore up the Paris Accords.

You have seen some reports of the reaction -- I will give you the whole summary.

As a general line..... We are like DeGaulle -- he created the impression that France was a strong country just by being prickly. This will run against the liberals who will push for humanitarianism -- that is the modern liberal cop-out. I tried to placate the liberals for the first five years. I don't try any more. I say it is after the Rhineland and we are heading for war. Herb Schlosser said he would put me on Barbara Walters for four mornings in a row and advertise it.

The President: I think that would be great.

[Mahon calls to discuss the supplemental alternatives. Speaker Albert gets on the line too.]

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Kissinger: My speech will be ten percent tougher than yours.

The President: It burns me up the comments about disagreements between us. The only thing I worry about is that people will say this is what you wanted to say but couldn't

Kissinger: [Outlines his speech again.]

The President: That sounds like it meshes with mine very well.

Kissinger: I will give you a draft tomorrow. It does have some tough sentences about the Jews and about the Soviets.

On the Soviets. I have thought about that communication I showed you. They might think they are in a post-Czechoslovakia period and want to calm things down, or they may want to really continue detente. Simon slobbered all over them -- that was a disaster.

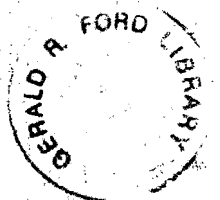
I want to tell Dobrynin I won't go to Moscow. The American people won't understand with the situation in Vietnam. I will meet with Gromyko in Europe, but only if the summit date is announced. But we don't really need a summit now. You could sign the Vladivostok agreement next spring as easy as this fall.

The President: How is that coming?

Kissinger: It will never be concluded in Geneva. The bureaucracy on both sides is dragging its feet. It can be signed whenever you and Brezhnev meet.

On Rota, we can't afford a secret agreement. I would propose to handle it in the Spanish negotiations.

It is important that the Arabs get the right impression from you. We will give a rundown but then you should be tough and turn to Keating and say he must treat them like a friendly power, not an arm of the Hadassah. Tell Eilts we don't need more speeches like Sadat made. Tell them we are lining toward an overall approach. We are determined to push, and we will not fail when we take it up again.



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(Mahan calls discussion of supplemental alternatives)
(Alburt gets on line)

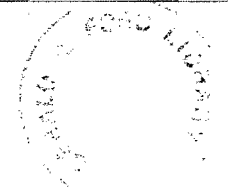
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