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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Nixon
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Major General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE: Friday, May 31, 1974

PLACE: Oval Office

SUBJECT: Report on Secretary Kissinger's Middle East Trip and President's Forthcoming Trips to the Middle East and USSR

Kissinger: On SALT, maybe an agreement in principle is possible. On MBFR...

President: Which would have enormous domestic impact.

Kissinger: ... a 5% US-Soviet cut is conceivable.

President: We should lay the groundwork with the Soviet Union.

Kissinger: That could give minor problems with the Europeans. The Soviet Union is waiting to see how CSCE works out. We are holding up CSCE until you get to Moscow.

Maybe you can get something in MBFR for CSCE.

President: We want to show new progress on MBFR to avert unilateral cuts here.

Kissinger: Within a year we will have massive problems in the Middle East with the USSR. This summit needs a slightly different flavor.

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Cut the camaraderie by 20%, because we may have a confrontation with them within a year.

President: Get up the books for me on the Middle East. Next week my schedule is clear. I am ready for work on SALT.

Kissinger: Our interest in the Middle East is to show things down, not to accelerate it.



Pres/K/Hair/Seco

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Mid East trip

SALT

A - Maybe an agreement in principle

MBFR - Enormous dramatic impact

- a 5% US-Sov cut is conceivable.

P - US should large penetration w/ SU

K - Could give missile probe on US/Euro. SU is wanting to see how SCCE comes out. We are holding up SCCE until we get to Moscow. Maybe you can get something on MBFR for SCCE.

P - US would to show slow prog. on MBFR to correct imbalanced cuts

K - ~~at~~ w/ in a year we will

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have massive problems in MIE w USSR.

K - This summit needs a dignified by phrase. Conte commodity by 20%, because we may have an improvement w/ in a year.

P - Get my looks for one on MIE. Next week is clear. I am ready for work on SALT

K - One interest in MIE is to slow things down, not to accelerate.

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