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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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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: Friday, October 3, 1975  
8:36 - 9:20 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office  
The White House

Kissinger: On the wheat deal, it is being nitpicked again. We have an escape clause, so they want one. Another issue is reserves. Enders is hipped on them, but I am overruling him. We can get an agreement over the weekend. We will get a simultaneous oil deal. About 250,000 barrels per day.

The President: At what kind of price?

Kissinger: We will get a discount. It won't be listed as such, but it will amount to about 15%.

The President: How much this year?

Kissinger: About the same as in the agreement.

The President: Can it be announced?

Kissinger: Yes.

Scowcroft: Before the October crop report?



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The President: Let's get the estimates for October and find out from Robinson how much they want and when.

Kissinger: The SFRC is an amazing operation. Scott says he is disgusted. Even Percy is not very good. There is no way we can work out a summary. What we have submitted, the Committee staff . . . When you get reelected, you must do something about these Committee staffs. They are infiltrated with ultra-left wingers.

The President: I agree completely. It is a national disgrace.

Kissinger: Anyway, the Committee staff analyzed our summary and showed how it differed from the documents. So Percy and Church plan a statement saying they are publishing the documents since they leaked and otherwise the Committee can't discharge its duties.

The President: What does that prove?

Kissinger: The son-of-a-bitch is Case. He has seen the letters and is asserting there are other commitments. I have said there are no other commitments, and on TV I said that we have submitted all the binding commitments but that not everything submitted is binding. I told them they could say in the resolution that nothing that was not submitted is binding. That is okay -- we didn't want the letters anyway. I told Dinitz they are killing themselves.

[Scowcroft left to get the documents, and returns.]

Kissinger: [Reads the Golan Heights letter and the Sadat letter] Admittedly these are artfully phrased. They are defensible, not contradictory, and not commitments, but there would be a brawl if they came out.

The President: We are not going to release them.

Kissinger: I think all but Case want to get on with it. The legal drafting office [of the Congress] did a study saying these had the character of a treaty. My lawyers say it is a disgraceful paper.

The President: Didn't the House Committee vote?



Kissinger: Today, but they are behaving like patriots. They declined to look at the letters; they are voting it out without fuss or fanfare.

The President: Tell Case he has seen everything and this is the end of it.

Kissinger: I would wait for completion of the disengagement and then move to military aid for Egypt. I would tell Sadat that. Case is a weird man.

On Syria, they [the Syrians] are getting tougher and tougher. If they continue, there is no reason for you to meet with Asad. They now want Sadat to cancel the agreement.

We must not forget in all this excitement that it is Israel driving this to explosion.

The Turk statement was not too helpful.

Scowcroft: It is not so bad.

Kissinger: They probably want to get through their election.

On Spain. We have agreed to set up three commissions: cultural, economic and defense. The protocols for these and aid have to be okayed, so we would initial only the basic agreement tomorrow.

If we initial it, there will be a lot of flak by the liberals and the Europeans.

The President: I feel the same as yesterday about it.

Kissinger: With Schmidt, one of us should mention the Spanish deal. We must point out that the agreement makes a contribution to NATO security. Schmidt is not rational on this. We should point out that we are trying to contribute to the management of the post-Franco period.

Otherwise, I would talk over the major international issues -- SALT, MBFR. At lunch I would discuss economic issues.

The Japanese can't meet on the 15th.

\* → what will our exp report show? (How much & when they arrive?)  
\* Robinson (same chart as in agreement)  
Don't show expenses.

✓ P/K 30 Oct 75

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P ~~Let's check~~ Can we ~~agree~~ agree?

K Yes

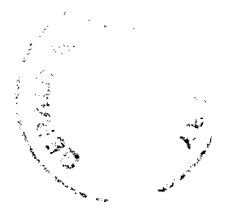
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(I left to get documents)

K (Reads Arthur Heights letter + to Sadat letter)  
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\* Best - Call Dinitz + implement one of its main ideas is  
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we are trying to contribute to support of post-  
France period.

Otherwise, I would take over a major initial  
issues - Salt, NIFER. At lunch I would  
do some more issues. Japs could <sup>meet</sup> on 15<sup>th</sup>.

