

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Nixon
H. R. Haldeman
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: February 15, 1973 - Thursday

PLACE: The Oval Office

President: I want them [the POWs] to get a ribbon -- and a star for each year they were in prison.

I want jobs -- for those who don't stay in the Service. Each one of these men will get a job. Get in the Jobs for Veterans group Friday. We want them in the Service if they will stay.

The MIA families: I want Ray Price to work up a letter. Our joy is tempered by the fact that we know what an ordeal you have gone through.

A news conference. Henry should do it only on background.

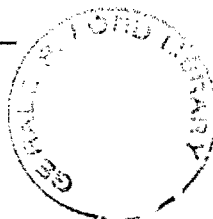
Henry isn't able to sell the aid program. The President must do it himself. Henry only on background.

I am having Agnew brief the Cabinet on Friday. Say: You will be pleased to know that the President is having Vice President Agnew brief the Cabinet on Friday so it will be out of the way when you return.

Tell Moorer to ask the POWs to support aid to North Vietnam.

Henry is not to brief the Cabinet -- they are not secure.

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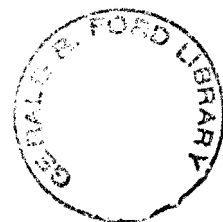
NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines

By lt, NARA, Date 11/2/00

Aid -- the peace arrangements have gone better than expected and we can take some out of the DOD budget -- for the first year anyway. Involve Roy ash only.

Ash has overstated that Vietnam aid can't be taken out of the DOD budget.

Haldeman: Henry must sit down with Ash.



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Ribbon - stars for each year
Jobs - for those who don't stay in Service.
Each one of those men ~~will~~ will get a
job.

Get in jobs for vets group Friday.

Wd want them in - Service if they will stay.

MIA families.

Price work up a letter. Jay triggered by
a fact sheet. K now what an ordeal
you have gone thru.

News conference - Henry should do only background.

Communique - Pres don't get.

Henry ~~is~~ isn't able to sell card program. Pres
must do it himself. Henry on background

Having a year brief cabinet Friday
1/2 ~~year~~ will be phased to know
that Pres is having a year brief cab Friday
so it will ~~not~~ be out of way when you
return.

Tell Moore to ask Pows's to report and
to NUS.

Henry not brief cabinet - not secure.

Aid - Peace arrangements have gone better
than expected & we can take some
out of DoD budget. (Pr) 1st year on program
Involve Ray Ash only



Ash has announced that UK aid can't be taken
out of O20 budget.

H. Kerry must sit down w/ Ash.

