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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford  
Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State  
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

DATE & TIME: Tuesday - July 27, 1976  
10:01 - 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

President: Is there anything new on the evacuation?

Scowcroft: No. It went very well. The number evacuated is still 156 Americans and dependents.

Kissinger: We have given them enough notice.

There are no outstanding issues with [Australian Prime Minister] Fraser. He has an obsession with the Soviet Union. He is too hard line on that.

Did you see Carter now saying he would use nukes where we have alliance commitments? That leaves out much of the world.

President: We ought to be able to use that too.

Kissinger: I met with Botha yesterday. We have that part of the package all set. As a matter of fact, if anything, they are too eager. But they are playing it just right. Botha spoke to the press after the meeting and said there are still problems.

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President: Yes, I wondered about that.

Scowcroft: Henry programmed him. He wouldn't have said there were any difficulties.

Kissinger: I think they should appear reluctant. Otherwise we will get no leverage from them to use with the blacks.

On the timing, I am afraid we can't get it wrapped up prior to the convention and the non-aligned conference. I would worry about being backed up to the convention in circumstances where they might think they could force more concessions from us.

President: I agree with that. Anyway, the period between the convention and Labor day would be very good.

Kissinger: When should I arrive at the convention?

President: I am probably not going until Sunday night. You should arrive Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

Kissinger: All right.

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P Anything new on a lease? (The number evacuated is...) dyatts.  
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K We have given them every notice.

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P We ought to be able to use that too.

K I met w/ Batha yesterday. We have that part of package all set. As a matter of fact, if anything, they are too eager. But they are playing it just right. Batha spoke the pieces after a while - said there are plots.

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K (Discussion of when to arrive at Convention. P said he would prefer to arrive Sunday night. HAK should arrive Tuesday night or Wed evening.)

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