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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, October 5, 1976

PLACE: The Oval Office

Kissinger: He may use Schlesinger's trip as an indication of your duplicity.

We briefed Schlesinger. I spent two hours and he met with CIA, DOD and State. While he was on the trip, Habib told the Chinese not to use the trip for domestic politics.

I think you can say there have been occasions when the Chinese have used visitors to interfere in our domestic politics. We warned them this was not tolerable.

They are bastards. On the '74 trip. They said to me in '74 they wanted a high-level visit, such as Schlesinger. We would never send a Secretary of Defense there.

President: We have never sent one to the Soviet Union.

Kissinger: Then the conversation turned to the possibility of a visit by you and Schlesinger was dropped. Then in '75 he was invited, but as you remember, you told me the day I got back that Schlesinger was leaving, so he never was informed.

On Angola, I would go on the attack. We were working to get all foreign troops out and we got our supplies stopped. We briefed the Congress. Get the figures on the number of times.

President: How about the Taiwan issue?



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Kissinger: We want to normalize relations. We believe that relations between Taiwan and the PRC should be settled peacefully. The modalities of normalization have not been worked out.



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