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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

Yigal Allon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister
for Foreign Affairs of Israel
Simcha Dinitz, Israeli Ambassador to U.S.

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and
Assistant to the President for National Security
Affairs

Alfred L. Atherton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of
State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs

Peter W. Rodman, NSC Staff *PWR*

TIME AND DATE:

Tuesday - July 30, 1974
3:00 - 3:18 p.m.

PLACE:

Secretary's Office
Department of State

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[Photographers were admitted briefly, then dismissed.]

Dr. Kissinger: They just made an agreement, the Greeks and the Turks.

Minister Allon: What is it about?

Dr. Kissinger: A cease-fire, and the beginning of political talks in a few weeks.

Minister Allon: No more Turkish troops will be added?

Dr. Kissinger: The essence of intellectuals and my subordinates here, below the Assistant Secretary level, is to focus on the wrong problem. All last week they wanted me to beat up the Greeks; this week the same people are insisting that I beat up the Turks. It makes absolutely no

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difference how many Turkish forces there are, to the real balance of forces. It was certain that an agreement would be reached. It makes no sense to spend it all for concessions like that.

Minister Allon: We have a personal problem: Sampson wants his wife and family to go to Israel, in case something should happen.

Dr. Kissinger: I would do it.

Minister Allon: Won't it alarm the Turks?

Dr. Kissinger: I've been on the phone with Ecevit.

Minister Allon: He's your student.

Dr. Kissinger: I have as much influence on him as on you! If you want, I don't mind telling Ecevit that you spoke to me.

Minister Allon: Makarios was here?

Dr. Kissinger: He won't come back easily, to put it mildly.

Minister Allon: What do the Turks want?

Dr. Kissinger: Partition first. They'd prefer no central authority.

It's just not in Israel's nature to refuse a wife and children. You'll have no benefit, and marginal problems. Roy, what do you think?

Mr. Atherton: The key word is marginal.

Minister Allon: I'll drop a line to Ecevit.

Dr. Kissinger: If you want, I'll do it.

Why did they select you?

Ambassador Dinitz: The Arabs are spreading the word that we were behind the coup.

Minister Allon: That eases it for America!

Dr. Kissinger: It doesn't hurt to have a reputation for capabilities beyond your real one [laughter].

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Ambassador Dinitz: [REDACTED]

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Dr. Kissinger: Why don't Yigal and I go in the back room to speak as professor and student?

Minister Allon: Good.

[Secretary Kissinger and Minister Allon conferred briefly in the Secretary's inner office for about three minutes, from 3:15 to 3:18 p.m. They emerged to begin the larger meeting in the Conference Room, which began at 3:20.]

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