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NOVEMBER 1, 1974

TO BREMER/RODMAN  
FOR HENRY A KISSINGER  
FROM BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. I JUST TALKED TO SEIDMAN AND EXPLAINED THE RATIONALE ON THE TOUGH BARGAINING FORTHCOMING APPROACH REGARDING THE FOOD CONFERENCE SPEECH. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY AND THAT THE ONLY CONCERN HAD BEEN THAT WE NOT "GIVE SOMETHING AWAY FOR NOTHING." I ASSURED HIM THAT WAS FARTHEST THING FROM YOUR MIND BUT THAT A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE OF TACTICS WAS INVOLVED.
2. I ALSO MENTIONED TO HIM THE TWO ISSUES ON WHICH YOU HAD CABLED THE PRESIDENT, AND AGAIN HE SAID HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH EITHER ONE. HE EMPHAZISED TO ME THAT HE HAD BEEN UNDER SUBSTANTIAL PRESSURE FROM SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES YESTERDAY AND THAT HE CONCEIVED HIS ROLE AS BEING SIMPLY TO INSURE THAT RELEVANT ISSUES WERE BROUGHT TO THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION. I POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NEVER ANY QUESTION THAT THAT WOULD BE DONE. IT WAS A MATTER OF PROCEDURE, AND I HAD NOT BEEN HAPPY WITH THE WAY IT HAD BEEN HANDLED.
3. HE SAID HE NOW THOUGHT THAT HIS JOB HAD BEEN DONE AND THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS NOW AWARE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES REMAINING. HE DID NOT INDICATE THAT HE PLANNED TO COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH THE PRESIDENT ON THE SUBJECT.
4. I WILL, OF COURSE, INFORM YOU AS SOON AS WE HAVE A REACTION FROM THE PRESIDENT TO YOUR CABLE.

WARM REGARDS.

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