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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Nixon
H. R. Haldeman
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant 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.
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.
Pete - have seen your
Jobs - for those who want Hmong Service
Each one goes to where they will go
MIA families

This week we will be writing a letter. I'm trying to
just check. Let me know what you heard
from your sources.

No confirmation - Hmong translations only in Japanese.
Communicate - Pres distant.

Pres isn't able to read and program. He
must do it himself. He has no background.

Hmong - Agnew Chief Cabinet Friday
of Vietnam will be placed to Anew.
That Pres is naming Agnew Chief Cab Friday.
As it will not be made clear when you
return.

Tell others to not Pres's To support and
not Vietnam.

Hmong Chief Cabinet - sort of

And please arrange some more horses. It
than expected we can take some
out of US budget. (Pres 1st may 40,000)
Meanwhile, Ray asked only
As I was remarking that VN aid won't be taken
out of UN's budget.
It appears almost all down as US/AKH.