

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Assistant to the  
President for National Security Affairs  
Winston Lord, NSC Staff

Prime Minister Chou En-lai  
T'ang Wen-sheng, Interpreter

DATE & TIME: Monday, February 21, 1972 - 2:30-2:40 p.m.

PLACE: The President's Guest House, Peking

PM Chou: Chairman Mao would like to see the President.

Dr. Kissinger: Can I bring Winston Lord?

PM Chou: Won't the Secretary be mad?

Dr. Kissinger: We won't tell him. We can announce it a little later.

PM Chou: Since the Chairman is inviting him he wants to see him fairly soon.

Dr. Kissinger: The President will be coming. Will you be reading your toast tonight?

PM Chou: I will be reading it. Will you have a written text?

Dr. Kissinger: I will have it for you by the plenary session -- in the next hour or so. But will you read it?

PM Chou: We will read it.

Dr. Kissinger: You are not memorizing it. Should ours be mild or tough since you will speak first?

PM Chou: We will give you a copy of our text.

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Dr. Kissinger: I will get the President. He will be ready in two minutes.

[The President arrived and then went on to meet with Chairman Mao.]

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