

Gen. Wickham's Notebooks, 20 Jan 73 - 3 Nov 75, Box 135, Schlesinger Papers

18 Apr 75 - JRS, MAK Tel Con - JRS -

Did Pres go off deep end by saying RVN had chance in the aid?

MAK - "You know he did"

JRS - "If adequate aid levels we wouldn't have had this disaster"

21 Apr - Panama - ^{APPC} Clements - All of us should be of one mind on issue.
JRS - There should be no retreat "on this issue, no concept of 'decent interval'." We started with 50 yrs, maybe we can retreat to 40 but 25 is not decent interval. We ought to hold tight on 50 years

Elsworth - CIA forecasts heavy violence if no agreement. If we don't submit treaty to Senate, that demonstrates even two weaknesses

JRS - Panama Canal is sovereign US soil, don't know how we got ourselves in this. Willing to adjust - maybe 45, 40 years - but must not establish pattern of weakness.

23 Apr - JRS, Dinty - JRS - "Pres feels he was misled"

D - MAK interpreted that we promised to give up more. We said passes - oil = non-belligerency. Maybe we could settle for elements from belly but even elements not there.

JRS - Nixon looked for hidden meanings. Pres is straight forward & knows the Pres does feel ill-used. More important than substantive issue is his feeling about fair dealing

D - We have let him find us promising support; we haven't tried to collate such notes. Claims Egypt, aware of US would be difficult, feel US needs government at any price. Dinty raises F-15, LBJ, Lane JRS - Larger issues

concern about genuineness in relations, which must be resolved before details

D - On Hull, no criticism of Israel save one or two

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