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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Bipartisan Congressional Leadership Meeting
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 11, 1974
8:00-9:00 a. m.

PLACE: The Cabinet Room
The White House

[The meeting began with a discussion of the Rockefeller nomination and then turned to the Trade Bill.]

Long: A lot of things are being piled on the Trade Bill. The only way out I see is to hold to the germaneness rule.

President: The Trade Bill has number-one priority.

On the Foreign Aid bill, I want to thank all the Senators, especially Cotton, for the "landslide" vote. On the Turkey amendment, if it is offered in the House, it would be helpful. . . . the situation has improved recently, and we certainly don't want Turkey forced out of NATO. If we lose our leverage with the Turks, it just hurts the Greeks. Any help you can give to get the date at February 14th, would be appreciated.

Albert: We'll try, but it would be hard.

President: I am going to Martinique on Saturday to meet Giscard. We had two good meetings here with Trudeau and Schmidt. We are working constructively to put together a group of the consuming nations. After I talk to Giscard, I think we will have reached a common front to face the producers. We must try to find a way to stabilize and

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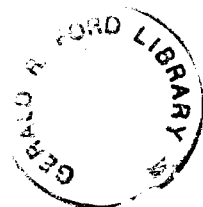
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reduce prices and to recycle. The meeting with Schmidt was particularly important in building consumer cooperation. We also had a good talk about the overall state of the economy and how to keep on the same course.

It would be helpful if coming out of this meeting we all recognize we have a problem and the Democrats and the Republicans will work together to do what we can. The main problem is cooperation.

[The President closed the meeting with a pitch for payraises for the Judiciary and for the whole Executive branch.]



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P. (Rockefeller nomination)
2nd nomination Trade Bill

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I think we will have reached common point w/ prod.
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prices to recycle. Treaty w/ Schmidt would be
particularly important in building economic coop.
(Economy - good comments). Happening coming out
of this mtg we all realize we have a job & Davis &
Rogers will work together to do what we can. The
main job is confidence.

P. Chief Justice asked me to raise a point w/ you.
Judging in serious shape retaining judges because
of a pay pact. I said it was a part of whole picture.
What are your thoughts.