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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State

and Assistant to the President for

National Security Affairs

Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME:

Tuesday, April 29, 1975

8:55 - 9:05 a.m.

PLACE:

The Oval Office

The President: When this is all over, we should have a full report on how this was done, including testimony by Smith and Martin.

<u>Kissinger</u>: You might be interested in my talk with Phil Burton. He said they are urging a veto override, beginning with the farm bill.

The President: He is smart and devious. He doesn't think like an American. He does have power compared to Albert and O'Neill. He doesn't care about substance -- just power and personal triumph.

<u>Kissinger</u>: They will meet your budget limits by cutting defense. Then you will put in a supplemental and they will pass it -- making you break the budget and them look patriotic.

Kennedy is the best candidate for the party, but he can't get elected; Jackson would lead to a left-wing splinter group.

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