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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

President Ford

Ambassador Marcel Cadieux of Canada

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

DATE AND TIME:

Tuesday, October 15, 1974

12:05 - 12:30 p.m.

PLACE:

The Oval Office The White House

There was small talk before the press during the presentation of the medals.

President: How is the Prime Minister?

Cadieux: He is very well. Between elections he was in a very difficult position.

President: Yes. Like Wilson.

Cadieux: It is much more comfortable now.

Your moves on inflation are being watched with interest.

President: We tried to tailor them so they wouldn't be solely oriented to the US but to the world. There has been a good reception -- but also some criticism.

Cadieux: When you benefit, we do automatically. We are pleased that you have taken these non-inflationary moves.

President: We had double-digit inflation and interest rates were exceptionally high. We didn't want a recession so we didn't want to make it too deflationary, and yet it couldn't be too stimulating. So we think we hit it about right.

Cadieux: The opposition will ask us why we haven't taken action on some of of your programs. But we think it was very helpful.

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Scowcroft: Yes. December 4.

President: I am looking forward to my discussions with the Prime Minister.

Cadieux: He will be leaving on a trip to Europe shortly.

President: We are seeing Giscard December 14-15.

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