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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Gerald R. Ford  
Donald R. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense  
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Monday, February 2, 1976  
9:05 - 9:40 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Rumsfeld: Economics. The catastrophic concerns of a year ago haven't been realized. You said "steady as she goes." I think we should take advantage of it and get you the credit.

The President: I agree. We will start this weekend in New Hampshire.

Rumsfeld: I will be testifying this week in the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. I think I should say that our policy is sufficiency -- we have a defense second to none. If we don't reverse the spending trend, we will in fact be changing the policy and giving up sufficiency.

The President: Did you see the Library of Congress report that was given to Culver? We should get it. For Culver to make that public . . .

Rumsfeld: I think we can split the Democrats and turn this around.

The President: How about a chart showing what the \$5-7 billion cuts have done and will do to the trend lines?

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P I agree. We will start this weekend in N.H.

L I will be testifying this week in H+S app. I think I should say some policy is sufficient - 2nd to man. If we don't reverse spending trend, we will in fact be changing policy & giving up sovereignty.

P Did you see a thing of Curly report given to Berlin. We should get it. For Carter to make that public.

R I think we can split - serve - turn this around.

P How about a chart showing where a 5-7 bill cents have done & done to trend lines.

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