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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:	President Ford Republican Leadership
DATE:	Friday, July 25, 1975

[Excerpts]

<u>President</u>: I want to thank those who helped us in the House yesterday on the Turkish vote. I hope the consequences won't be as bad as we expect. We will do our best to mitigate them. But there will undoubtedly be some unfortunate ones. Anyway, I appreciate your help, John and the others.

Jim Lynn will tell you now where we are in the fiscal side of the House.

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<u>President:</u> In preparation for my meeting in Helsinki with Brezhnev, we will be working for an understanding with regard to SALT II. We expect to make progress, but I have asked Defense to give me a paper of what will be needed if we don't get a SALT agreement. I don't know how much will be needed, but I want you to know that I will be submitting recommendations for substantial increases in the defense budget if SALT doesn't get completed.

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