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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

 PARTICIPANTS: President Ford Eugene V. McAuliffe, Amb. designate to Hungary Donald Rumsfeld Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
DATE & TIME: Friday - March 28, 1975 12:30 p.m.
PLACE: The Oval Office

President: I assume you had a great career until you ran into Rumsfeld.

<u>McAuliffe</u>: He is a fast learner. He operated in these hallowed halls in a very different way. NATO was impressed when Don was assigned there, and also when you brought him back here. It showed them the importance of the job.

<u>President</u>: We're glad you're going to Budapest. I've never been there. I went with a girl who said it was fabulous -- that was a long time ago. But it is an important place. We are trying to make progress there too and I think we can.

<u>McAuliffe:</u> I am a Yankee and I don't believe in something for nothing. I am disappointed in the Hungarian approach to the ICCS in Vietnam. They are not as forthcoming as even the Poles.

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