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Rockefeller Denies

Nixon Belittled Ford
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Nelson A. Rockefeller denied here yesterday a report in Newsweek magazine that President Nixon had belittled Vice President Ford at a meeting with the former New York Governor.

The Newsweek account said that Mr. Nixon, seated at his desk in the Oval Office, had asked Mr. Rockefeller contemptuously, "Can you see Gerald Ford sitting in this chair?"

Mr. Rockefeller said that only he and Mr. Nixon had been present at the meeting. He praised the Vice President as a "dedicated public servant" who had undergone an intensive investigation before his designation by the President to replace Spiro T. Agnew.

Mr. Rockefeller was questioned at a news conference at the annual meeting of the Edison Electric Institute at the New York Hilton Hotel.