Memorandum of Conversation With Joseph Luns Tuesday, October 2, 1973

Joseph Luns came up to me at the PermRep lunch and privately asked me if I had heard what my Secretary of Defense had told the recent visitors to Washington from Holland, his Ministers.

I said that I had heard some reports, but I would be curious to know what he heard. He said that what he heard was that Schlesinger told the Dutch Ministers, "Oh, don't worry about LANCE, it is all right if you cut back in some of your areas, the sky won't fall in."

To say that he was unhappy was an understatement.

