

March 15, 1974

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION  
WITH AMBASSADOR FRANCOIS DE ROSE  
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1974

I met with Francois de Rose at 6:00 p.m., March 15 at his request. We had been scheduled to meet at 2:30 today to finish work on the Atlantic Declaration, but delayed it because of his conversations with Sonnenfeldt on Thursday, some of which I was in on and some of which I was not. He indicated to me that Sonnenfeldt had told him that possibly we ought to delay our Friday meeting. In view of the review in Washington of this and in view of Francois' statement that if there is a review it would be a different situation, then we should probably wait a few days, so Francois and I agreed to talk early next week after we see what the situation is.

Francois went on to say that as he sees it, the situation is this. If Washington says go ahead and work on the two Declarations, fine, he and I can get together and do our thing. However, if Washington says lets work on no Declarations well that settles it, or if Washington says lets just work on the Declaration of the Fifteen then the situation will be that the Nine will have to decide if that is acceptable. If





Washington says lets work on the Fifteen and lets put in some things that were to have been in the Declaration of the Nine then that is an entirely new situation.

