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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Meeting with Secretary General Luns in his office  
November 20, 1973

Joseph Luns called to see me, and I saw him at 9:45 a.m.  
Tuesday, November 20.

- 1.. He talked about Atlantic Relations, indicated what he would be saying at the Permrep Lunch. It was basically what he ended up saying at the Permrep Lunch as indicated in my reporting cable.
2. He brought up the subject of hardening the site at Evere. I indicated to him that we were against it. He indicated that he felt very strongly against any proposal to use the Ambassadors in a capital, and he said that was the Washington position as he understood it. I said to my knowledge that was not the Washington position, that the Washington position was against the hardening of the site at Evere and we were willing to let it drop right there. Absent that we felt there were a variety of options, whether using NATO Ambassadors stationed in one of the various capitals, or using the Secretary General and the NATO Ambassadors by transferring them to one of the capitals. He said he would favor the latter. He said it was raising serious problems in the Council because it was the fear that if they moved the Council away from Europe, it meant Europe was going under. I said, "Look, the only person who is raising those fears is the guy who is pushing hardening the sites, and we just weren't going to buy it, and that the way to solve this problem was to get whoever that was to stop pushing that point."
3. I brought up the subject of the formats for the Ministerials and told him what Kissinger wanted and what Schlesinger wanted and mentioned the two letters.

